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Marion A. Bolden  
State District Superintendent

Ann Street School





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# The 2003 Spartan



Ann Street School  
National Blue Ribbon School  
of Excellence  
Newark, New Jersey





### Mr. Joseph N. Maccia, Principal

My congratulations to you the graduating class of 2003. You are on the threshold of a new beginning which contains a multitude of opportunities and perhaps an equal number of pitfalls. Rely on the keenness of your senses, the training of your parents and teachers, and your own good judgement. Remember that for every freedom there is an equivalent responsibility. Face these urgent responsibilities with dedication and determination.

Each positive achievement in your life strengthens your character. Your wisdom serves to increase self pride. Respect of self and others becomes obvious to all those with whom you communicate. Traveling through life with the proper values makes your attainment of projected goals inevitable.

So it is with pride, not sadness, that I bid farewell to the class of 2003 for I know your dedication to excellence and your commitment to principles of freedom with responsibility will serve you, your community, and your nation. Good luck, and may each of you find the success you seek.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Maccia, Principal



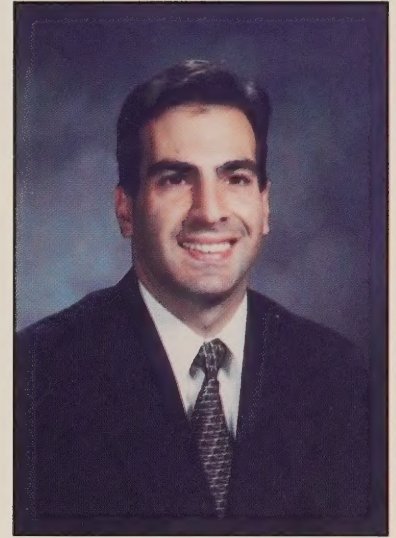
# Administrators



Carmen E. Salgueiro  
Vice Principal

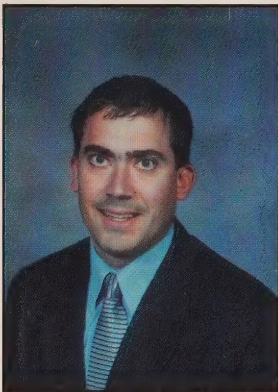


Jacquelyn Owens  
Vice Principal



Gene A. Foti  
Vice Principal

## Eighth Grade Teachers



Manuel Oliveira



Patricia R. Lopes



Joel Soltys



Sharon Speck



Manuel T. Figueiredo



# Graduates



Joao Alcebiades



Paul Almeida



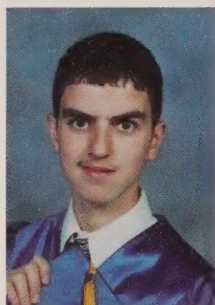
Michael Alves



Suzye Alves



Diana Antunes



Jason Araujo



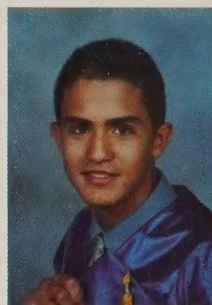
Sarah Arellano



Deanna Azevedo



Benilde Barroqueiro



Carlos Berto



Christopher Bradfield



Alyssa Calderon



Nathalia Camargo



Maria Chuqui



Alejandra Claire



Natalie Coimbra



Haynna Costa



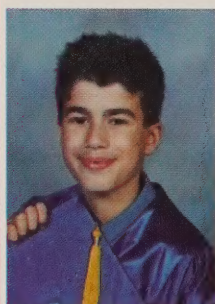
Andrea Couceiro



Steven Cruz



Ashley D'Addario



Michael Da Cunha



Kristopher Da Fonseca



Aline Da Silva



Bruno Da Silva



Steven Danker





Samantha De Almeida



Bruna De Melo



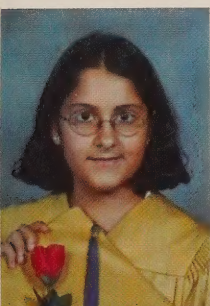
Rudner Da Sa



Elizabeth Diaz



Erik Diaz



Angelica Dos Santos



Evelize Dos Santos



Leticia Dos Santos



Luis Dos Santos



Felipe Duarte



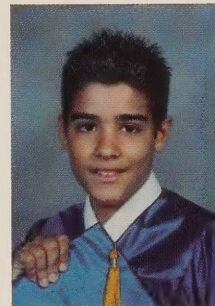
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Michael Escrivao



Lady Carla Espino



Daniel Esteves



Felipe Fagundes



Fanny Fajardo



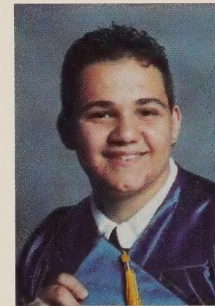
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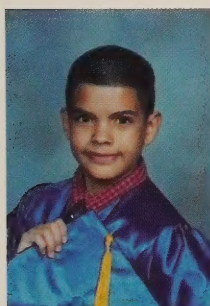
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Steve Fonseca



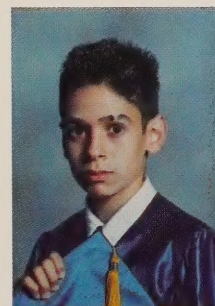
Thyago Freitas



Jonathon Garzon



Paulo Gaspar



Douglas Gatti



Lenin Gazilanez



Steven Genao

# Class of 2003



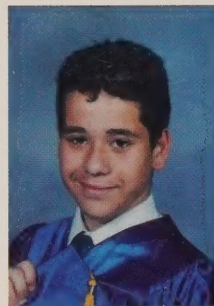
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Michael Giunta



Jennifer Gomez



Demetrius Goncalves



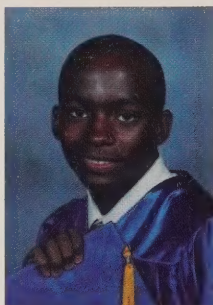
Gabriel Goncalves



Derek Gonzalez



Beatriz Guardia



Paul Kornegay



Lorena Lima



Xavier Lobo



Nicholas Lopes



Renan Lopes



Maryann Lovese



Catarina Marques



Joana Marques



Ruben Marques



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Daniel Martins



Monica Martins



Ricardo Martins



Steven Matos



Jessica Mejia



Luis Melo



Bruna Milan



Carlos Neto

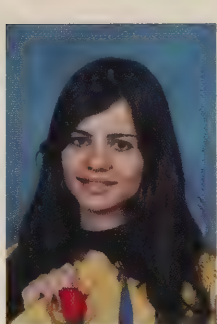


Vanessa Neves





Marian O'Neill



Iasmin Oliveira



Ronal Ortega



Stephanie Pacheco



Jorge Palomeque



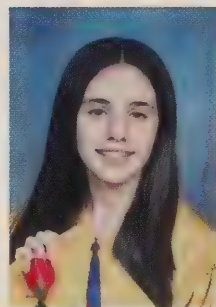
Elisabete Pereira



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Christopher Pinho



Ivete Pires



Vanessa Pretko



Joana Queiros



Alexandra Ramirez



Jean C. Ramonis



Ana Ramos



Daniela Rebelo



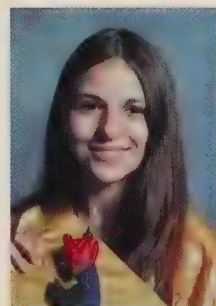
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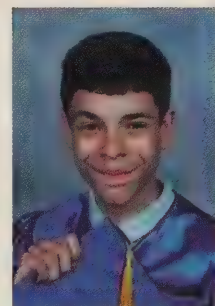
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Susana Ribeiro



Sara Rocha



Luan Rodrigues



William Rodrigues



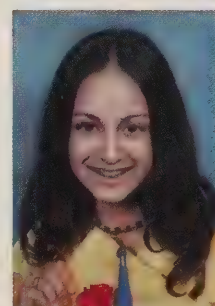
Giselle Role



Jennifer Rosa



Gabriel Santos



Gabriela Santos

# Class of 2003



# Graduates



Osladia Santos



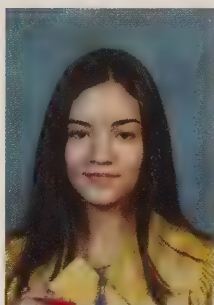
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Stephanie Santos



Belmira Silva



Daiana Silva



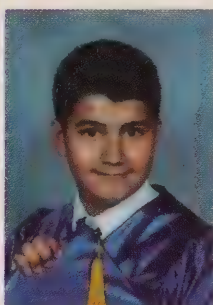
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David Siqueira



Jose Sousa



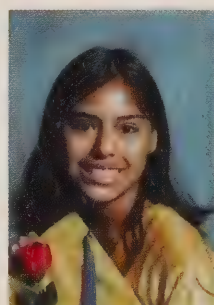
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Ashley Tavares



Catia Tavares



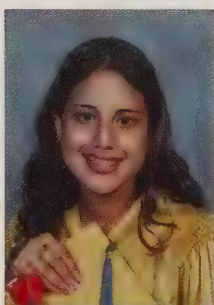
Cynthia Taype



Kaue Texeira



Marcio Terras



Andrea Vallejo



Melissa Velasquez



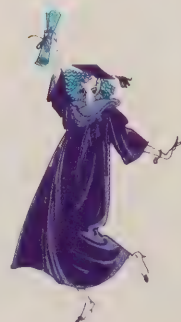
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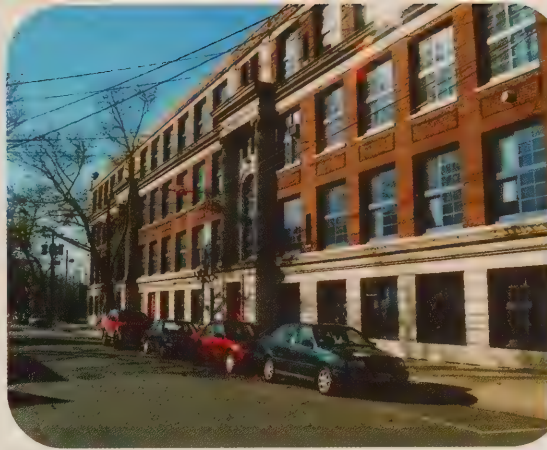
Henrique Vidal



Ming Rong Weng







## Farewell Address

Now that our years at Ann Street have come to an end, we look back on many memories. We remember the people, the good, the bad times, and the many new experiences that all become a part of us. Many of these memories will be forgotten, but the lessons we have learned here will enable us to be someone who is always willing to give as well as receive.

There are many difficult years ahead of us, and they will not be easy. Life is full of disappointments and failures as well as good times and accomplishments. But, if we have perseverance and confidence in ourselves, we will be able to overcome any barrier that stands in the way of our success. Our years at Ann Street School have given us the ability to achieve this goal.

So, as we leave you, Ann Street, we say good-bye, with mixed emotions of happiness and sorrow. We thank you for sending us out into the world as better people.

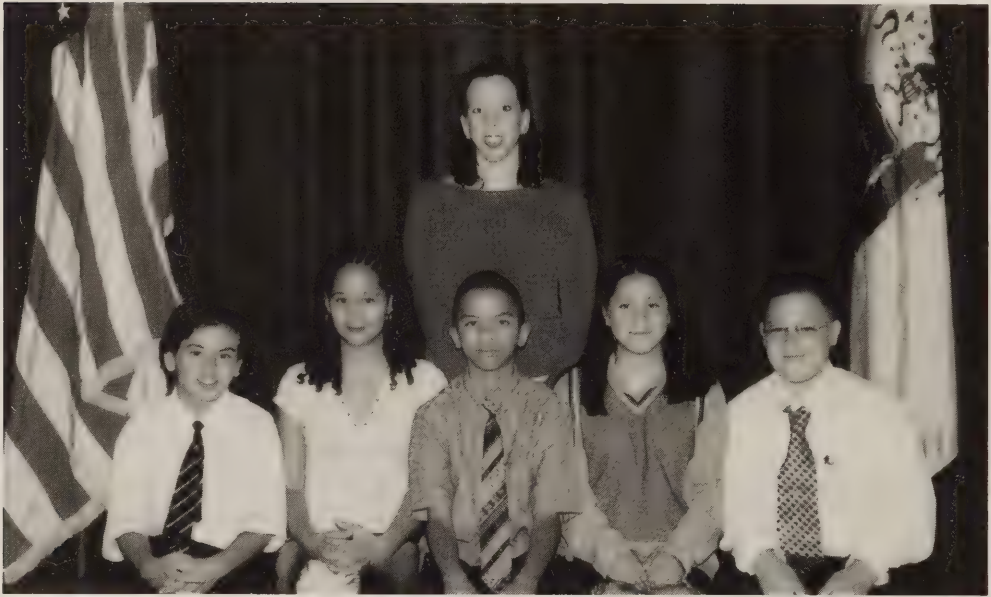
~The Graduates~



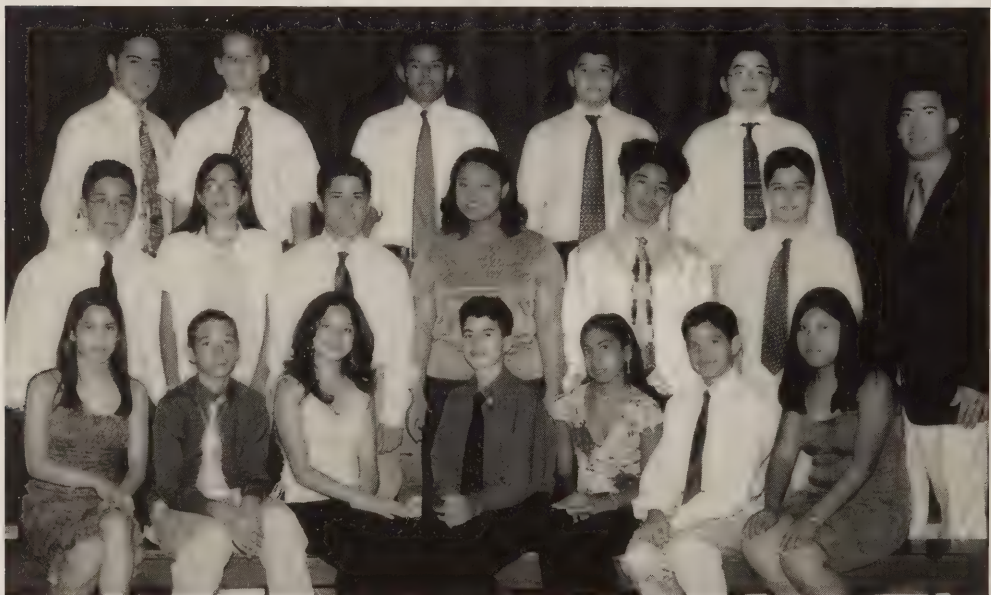
Class of 2003



# United We Stand



Mrs. Sharon Vitale - Room T4



Mr. Manuel Oliveira - Room 401





Mrs. Patricia Lopes - Room 402



Mrs. Joel Soltys - Room 403





Ms. Sharon Speck - Room 404



Mr. Manuel Figueiredo - Room 405



# Ann Street Goodbye

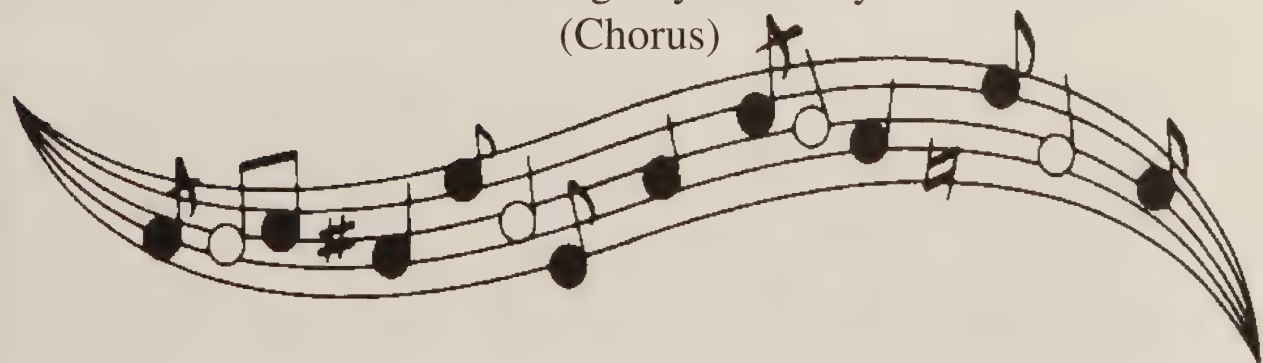
(1) We came here...now we're going,  
Schools are never quite the same,  
We'll miss you...dear old Ann Street,  
Don't feel bad you're not to blame,

Chorus:

So Ann Street good-bye  
And we'll try not to cry  
All our mem'ries of you will live on  
We will be blue...`cause we're leaving you  
Soon our hearts will be leaving you behind.  
Linger a-while, and we'll go with a smile,  
Like a friend who just happens to call,  
For the last time, we will say good-bye.  
Dear Ann Street, Ann Street good-bye.

(2) We know now we must go, now,  
Though our hearts plead us to stay,  
High school is our to-mor-row,  
You belong to yes-ter-day

(Chorus)





# Faculty



Janine Albanese



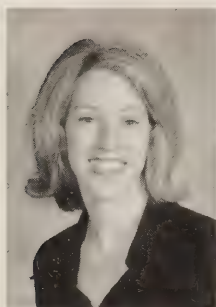
Clara Albuquerque



Teresa Barroqueiro



Thomas Beebe



Jacqueline Bello



Diane Blonar



Diana Borges



Diane Boyle



Beatrice Branco



Ivone Branco



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Andrew Canfora



Ruth Capra



Sharon Cardoso



Lina Castelo-Branco



Anne Caswell



Dora Cavallo



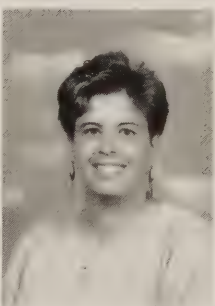
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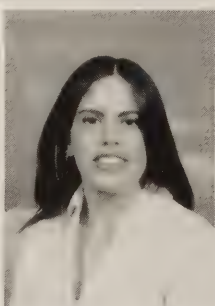
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Maria Costeira



Anna Marie Couto



Lidia Da Graca

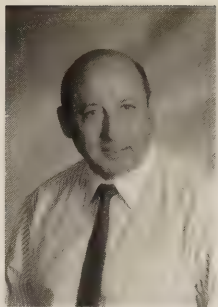


Rachelle Da Silva





Valorie Davis



Antonio De Oliveira



Marie Everett



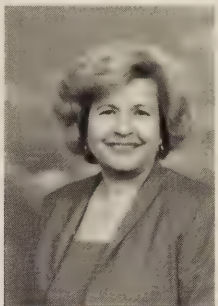
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Maria Grace Fernandes



Gina Fitzgerald



Luz Garcia-Rivera



Linda Gaskins



Ana Gaspar



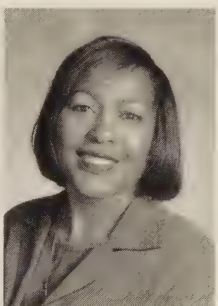
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Kelly Grady



Lawrence Hawkins



Aleta Jackson



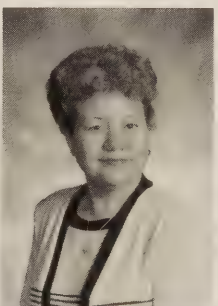
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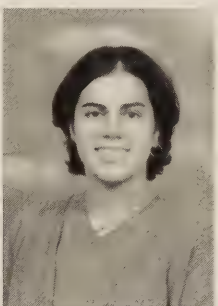
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Dana Lorenzo



Ibis Martinez



Maria Martins



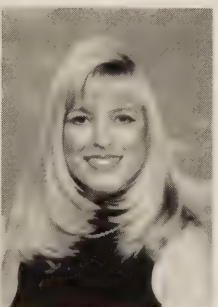
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Patricia McCormack



Sheila McCormack



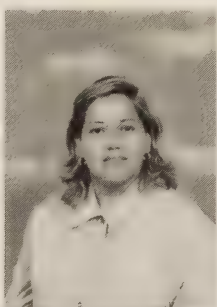
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Linda Miterko



Victor Mossa



Shirley Mourin





Alicia Neto



Barbara Pavlo



Pilar Perez



Pearl Perlstein



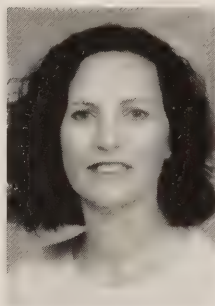
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Marianne Petrozzino



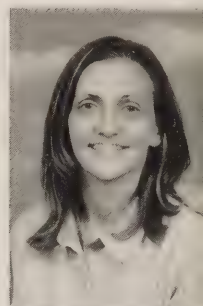
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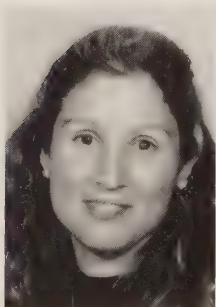
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Maria Piombino



Kelly Piret



Jeanne Ramirez



Alida Ramos



Linda Rey



Maria Ribeiro



Marilyn Richardson



Miriam Rodrigues



Theresa Rubas



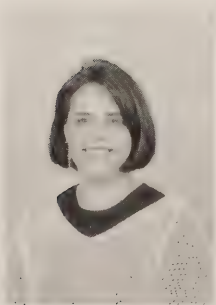
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Maria Salmon



Marie Santos



Bernadette Trovato



Sharon Vitale



Rosina Weatherford



Bridget Yadamiec

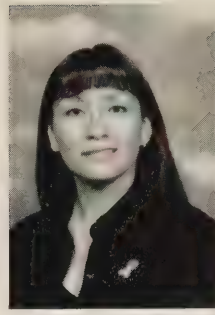


Elizabeth Zielinski





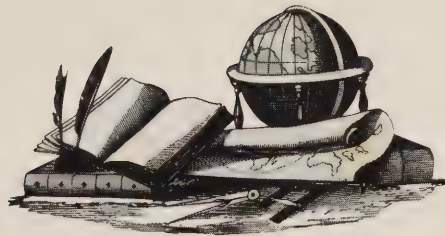
Janet Akerblom  
(Nurse)



Noemi Fielder  
(Nurse)

*“A teacher affects eternity ;  
he can never tell where his influence  
stops.”*

*Henry Adams*



*Happy Retirement*



Patricia Fabrizio



Kimberly McKeon





Security Guards



Mr. Schuster  
Resident Meteorologist at  
Ann Street School

# School



Child Study Team



Cafeteria Workers



Margaret Collucci, Linda Carmazino,  
Bernadette Esteves, Barbara Alvarez  
Clerks





Gerald Di Nola, Attendance



Carol Gray, Social Worker

# Personnel



School Aides



Custodial Staff



Valorie Davis, Guidance Counselor



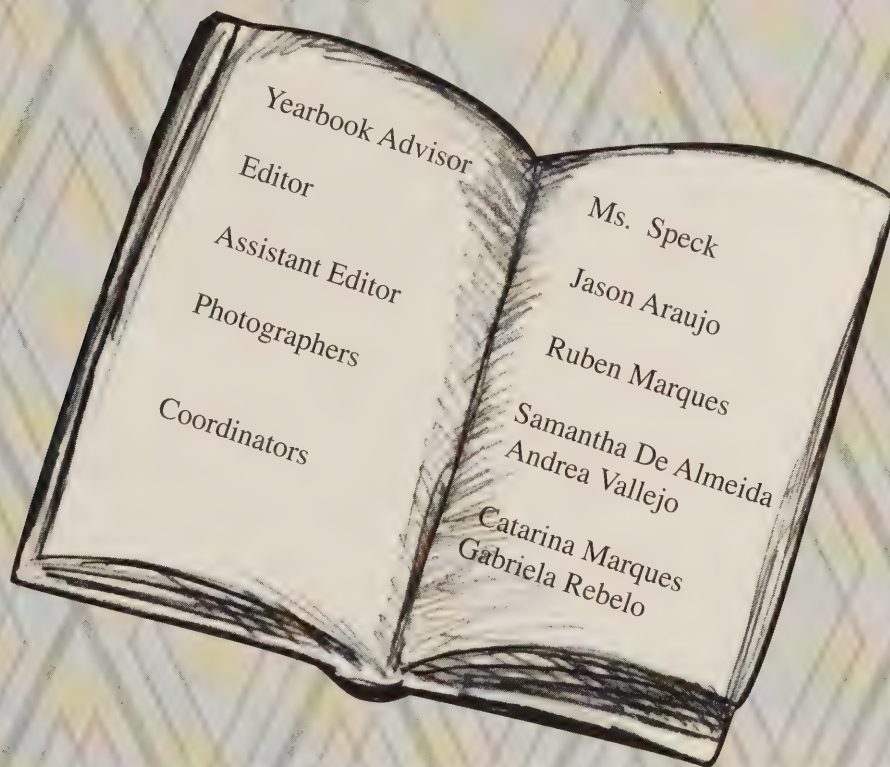




# Yearbook Staff



Ms. Speck and the yearbook staff.



Photographers



Editors



Coordinators



# Student Council



Mrs. Jacquelyn Owens  
Advisor



2002 - 2003 Student Council Members

Michael Da Cunha.....President  
Melissa Velasquez....Vice President  
Natalie Coimbra.....Treasurer  
Ashley Tavares.....Secretary



2002 Food Drive



Student Council caroling  
at St. James Hospital.



# Ring Ceremony

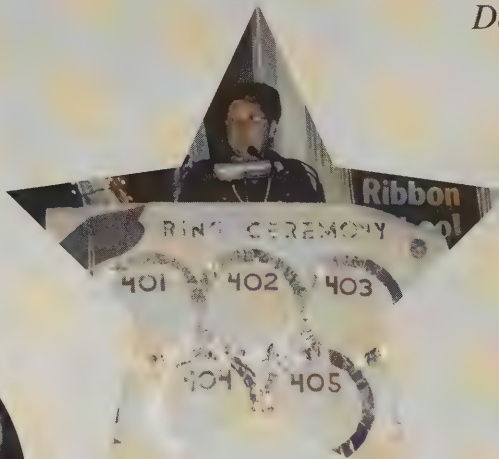
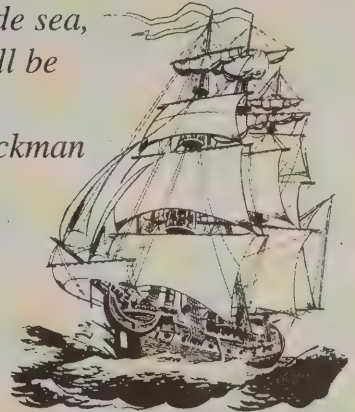
## *The Little Ship of Courage*

*I saw a little ship at sail upon  
a wide, wide sea and its courage as it sailed along seemed  
awfully brave to me.*

*In usual terms it would be said its urge was far too strong,  
but when it reached the other shore, it proved this theory  
wrong.*

*Which indicates there is no chore we cannot fail to do, if we  
but have the fighting will to see our aim come true,  
For though the challenges we face are as a wide, wide sea,  
when we meet them with full effort, full success will be  
achieved.*

Don Beckman





# Halloween



The Student Council enjoying the Halloween festivities.



Our eighth grade students having fun with Scooby Doo and Bob the Builder.



Mrs. Soltys prepares to fly off with Spiderman.



Bob the Builder entertaining some eighth-grade students.



Mr. Maccia with future eighth-grade students.



# WINTER



Gabriela and Santa officially naming Jennifer as the new Rudolph.



Ms. Speck's students decorating their tree with many pink ornaments.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus spreading Christmas joy at Ann Street School.



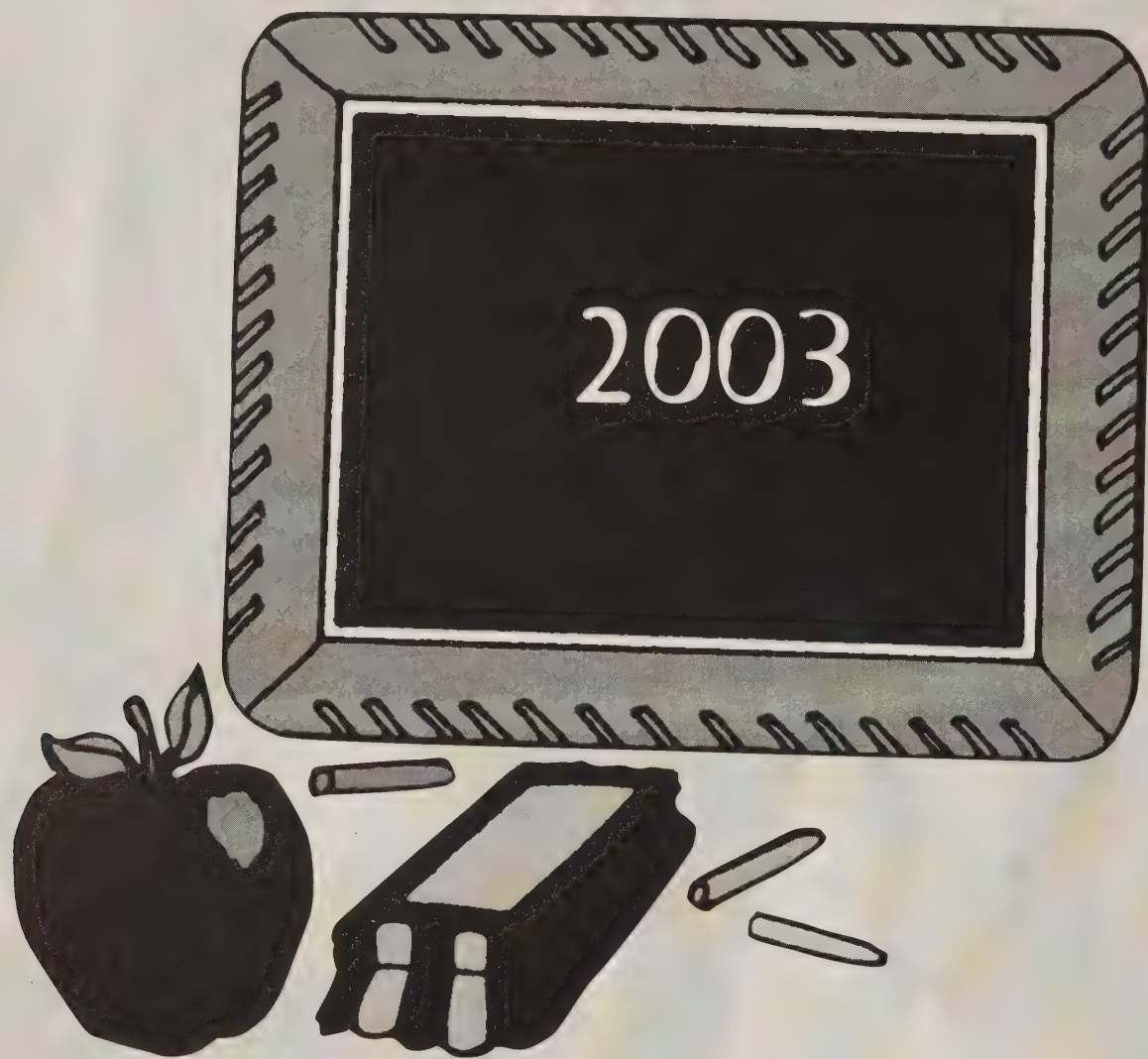
Ms. Davis showing her necklace to Santa and Mr. Maccia.



Mr. Oliveira and his little elves posing with Rudolph.



# ANN Street School



## Activities



# Library



Mr. Foti and Mrs. Salgueiro with students at the 2003 Book Fair.

403 students searching for an interesting book.



# Computers



Mrs. Rubas helping Fanny Fajardo learn how to use Excel.



Ricardo and Deanna research information on the web.



Jennifer Rosa working on an on-line project.



# Art




Mrs. Lopes's students working diligently on their watercolor paintings.



Mrs. Bruno helping Xavier sculpt a better fish.



Paul Kornegay with his masterpiece, the Jabberwocky, hanging at NJPAC.

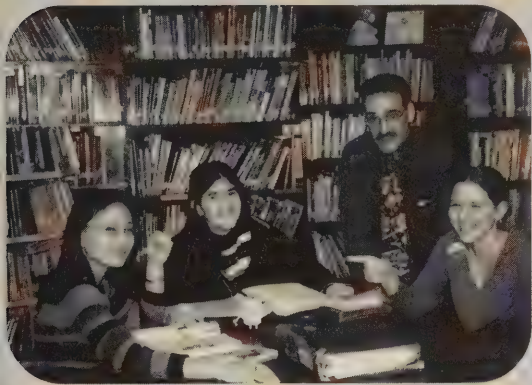


Art Club 2003





# ALGEBRA



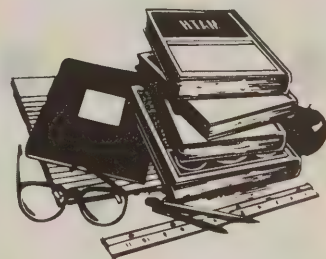
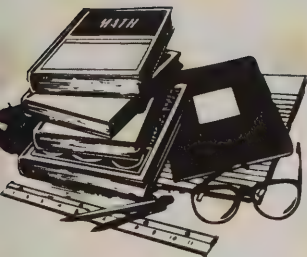
Algebra students bringing humor to their challenging class.



Mr. Mossa explaining new methods of solving quadratic equations to Erik.



Mr. Mossa explaining inequalities to Giselle.





# Physical Education



Joselyn and Osladia helping Ming endure her hand stand.



Bruno racing to the finish line, attempting to score a goal.



Luis just hanging around.



# Music & Orchestra



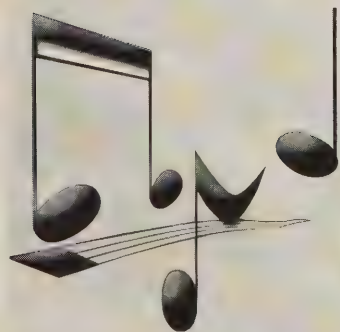
Mrs. Soltys and Ms. Speck visiting Derek at the Holiday Concert at NJPAC. Derek played in the Greater Newark Youth Orchestra.



Orchestra members with Mr. Beebe and administrators.



Mr. Canfora with previous chorus members.

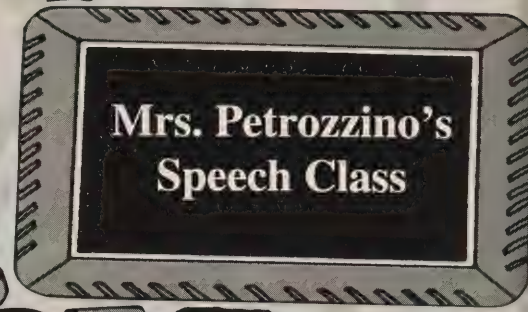




# Reading/Speech



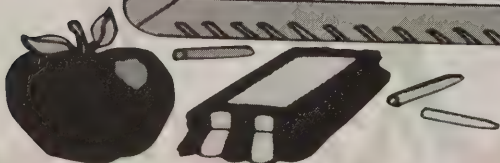
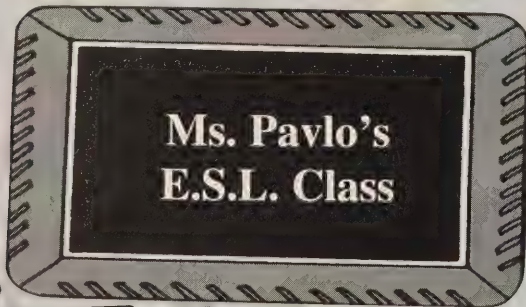
Mr. Mossa and Mrs. Yadamiec  
Facilitators



Ms. Pavlo assisting Henrique with his bilingual  
studies.



Mrs. Petrozzino working with  
Christopher Bradfield.



Mrs. Martinez with her enthusiastic  
students.



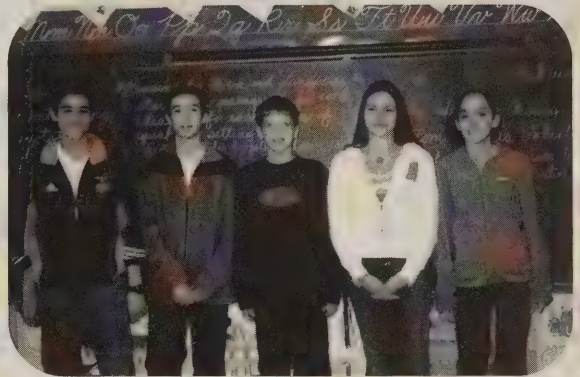
# Spartan Hall of Fame



Funniest



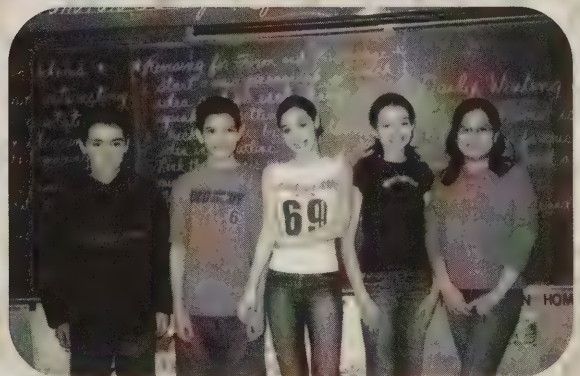
Most Ambitious



Most Helpful



Tallest



Shortest



# High School Fair



Michael Da Cunha, Mrs  
Martinez, and Mrs. Nagiewicz  
hosting the annual High  
School Fair.



East Side High School's  
presentation to the class of  
2003.



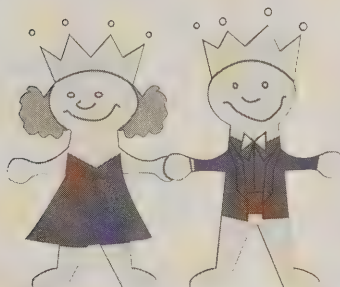
Ms. Davis and Mr. Ribeiro discussing high  
school opportunities for his daughter,  
Susana.



# Dances



King and Queen of  
the Harvest Dance.



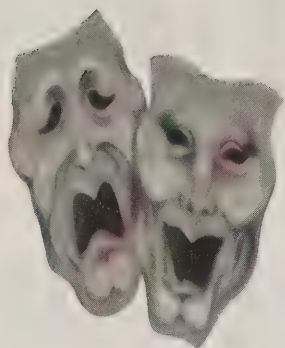
Mrs. Owens and Daniel  
dance to the beat.



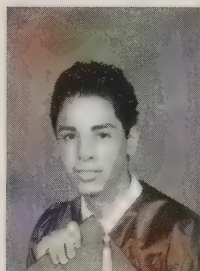
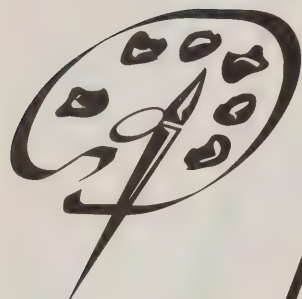
Where are all the guys?



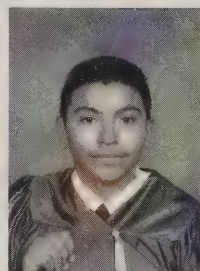
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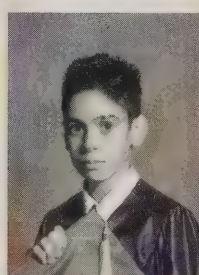
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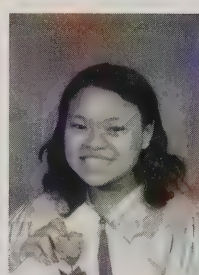
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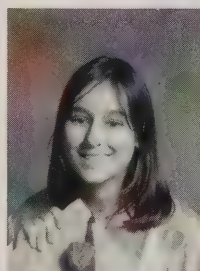
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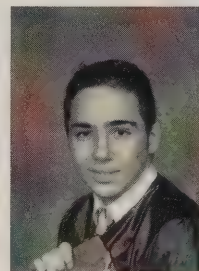
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Bruna De Melo  
Art Teacher



Joanna Queiros  
Actress

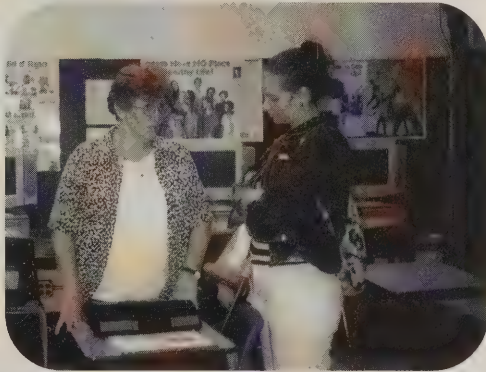


Paul Gaspar  
Computer Technician

# Open House



Mr. Oliveira explaining Marcio's notebook to  
Mr. and Mrs. Terras



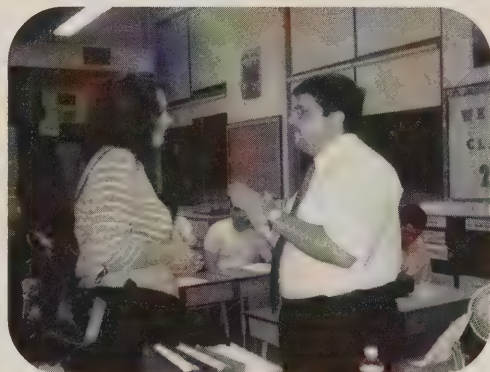
Mrs. Lopes speaking to Mrs. Freitas about  
her son's work.



Mrs. Soltys speaks to parents about the  
math curriculum.



Ms. Speck with Mrs. Velasquez and a  
former student.



Mr. Figueiredo discusses Kaue's work  
to Mrs. Teixeira.



# Ann Street School

## Administrators



Mrs. Salgueiro and Rui introducing a new student to Ann Street School.



Mr. Maccia tutoring Haynna and Joao on specific science facts.

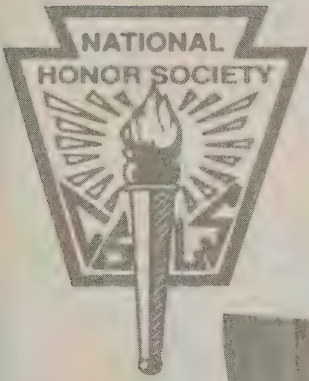


Mr. Foti taking charge of a Student Council project.

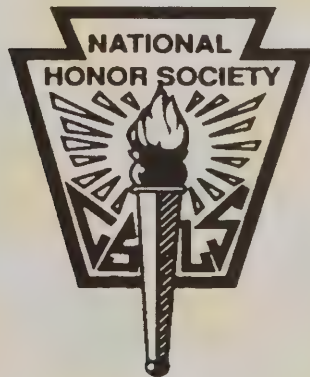


Mrs. Owens greeting parents at Open House.

# National Junior Honor Society

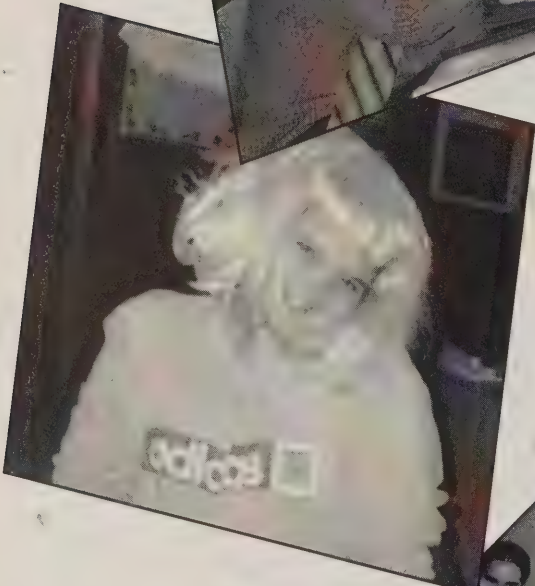
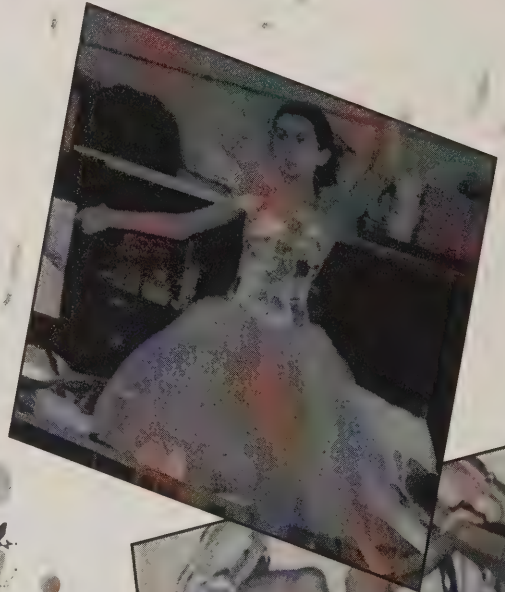
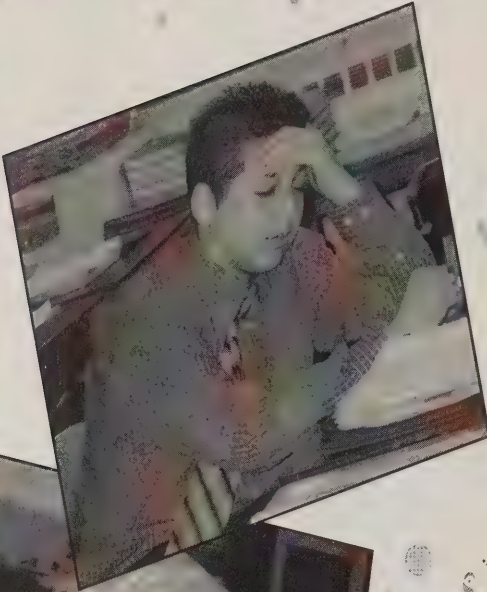


Eighth grade National Junior Honor Society members with administrators.





# Caught on Camera !!!





# † Eighth Grade Memories



## *Late Arrivals*





## Playground

The sun is shining at Ann Street School. Go to playground and relax for 2 turns.

GEPA classes begin after school. Roll again

You lose your lunch card. Report to detention for 1 turn.

The NASA team begins their project. Move ahead 3 spaces.

Toy drive begins. You bring 30 toys. Move ahead 3 spaces.

You forgot your gym clothes and must sit out. Move back 2 spaces.

Report Card Time. You passed Science! Move ahead 2 spaces.

You failed while reciting the Preamble for Mrs. Lopes! Lose a turn.

You were the first to solve your tangram set. Mrs. Soltys gives you a chocolate-covered pretzel.

# School

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T** **Detention**  
  
**Write  
punishments  
for 2 hours.**

You start experiments in the science lab. Roll again.

Fall Harvest Dance. Find a partner and move ahead 3 spaces.

Stormy weather! Pick a good book and move back 3 spaces.

Yearbook committee begins publishing the yearbook. Move ahead 2 spaces.

**Visiting**

You are accepted  
to the high school  
of your choice.  
Roll again.

Forgot your home-  
work. Go back 2  
spaces.

Mr. Maccia catches  
a 25 pound fish.  
Move ahead 2  
spaces.

Uh-oh! You were  
caught passing  
notes. Go to  
detention for 2  
turns.

## **GO TO DETENTION**



Algebra students begin  
preparing for the  
Algebra Olympics.

Graduation practice  
begins. Roll again.

The scores are in. You  
passed GEPA!  
Congratulations!

Report Card Day. You  
received 2 D's. Go  
back 4 spaces

Congratulations. You  
have completed the  
eighth grade  
successfully. Time to  
graduate.

Mr. Figueiredo  
catches you  
chewing gum.  
Give up your next  
turn.

Oops! Forgot Dress  
Up Day. Go back 1  
space and ask Mr.  
Oliveira for a tie.

Ms. Speck is happy  
because you wore  
pink! Move ahead  
3 spaces.

You're late. Go  
back to start and  
get a late slip.

## **Start**

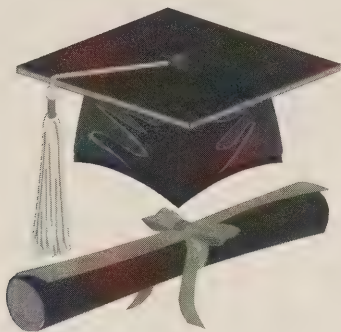




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# Congratulations to the Class of 2003



From the Teachers and Staff of  
Ann Street School

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## Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Class of 2003

Joseph N. Maccia  
Principal

Gene A. Foti  
Vice Principal



Carmen E. Salgueiro  
Vice Principal

Jacquelyn Owens  
Vice Principal



Congratulations to the Graduates of  
Ann Street School. May Success  
and Happiness Always Follow You.

Eighth Grade Teachers



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Congratulations to the  
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# *Congratulations To The Graduating Class Of* *2003*

*May all of life's challenges become your successes,  
For if you quit during life's challenges you will never  
know how close you came to succeeding.*

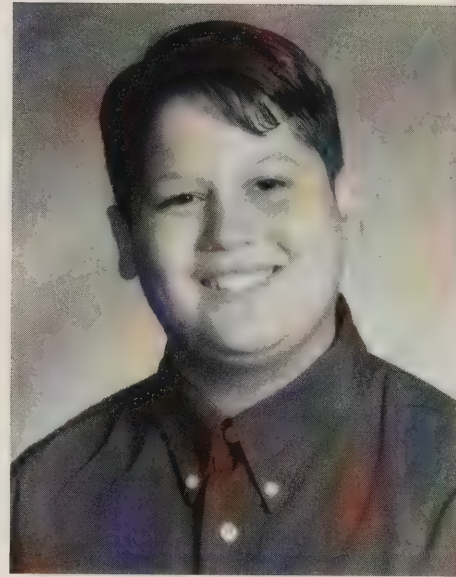
## *Ann Street Home and School Association*

<i>Rose Ann Nagiewicz</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Marilyn Martinez</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>
<i>Lidia DaGraca</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Rosemarie Ferreira</i>	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
<i>Irene DaSilva</i>	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
<i>Robin Fresco</i>	<i>Sunshine Committee</i>
<i>Rosemary Cunha and Gina Tomas</i>	
<i>Refreshment Committee</i>	



To Michael Giunta

We are very proud of  
you!!!



Great Job  
Congratulations

Love, Mom, Grandpa, Grandma,  
and Drew



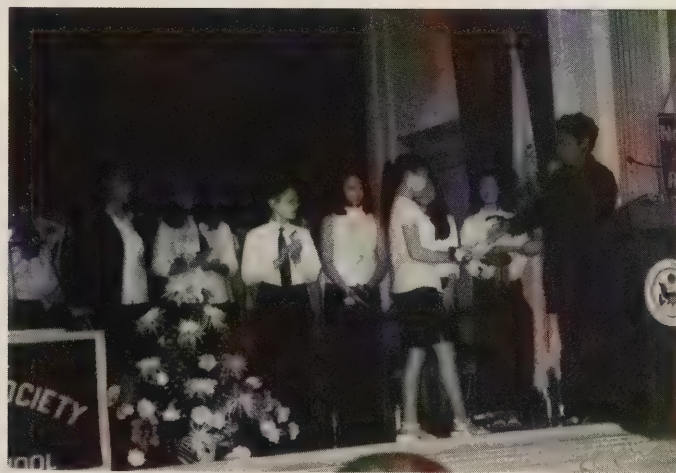
翁明容:

恭喜你又踏上人生的另一个阶段 希望你能一直保持优秀的成绩。



祝你好运

老爸与老妈



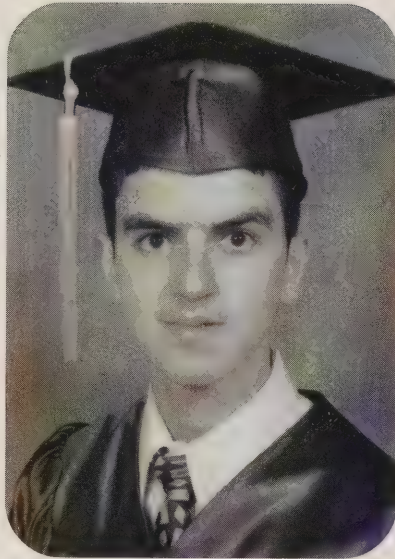




## Congratulations Jason



We are very proud  
of you. You have  
indeed become a  
wonderful young  
man.



Love,  
Dad, Mom, and  
Nelson

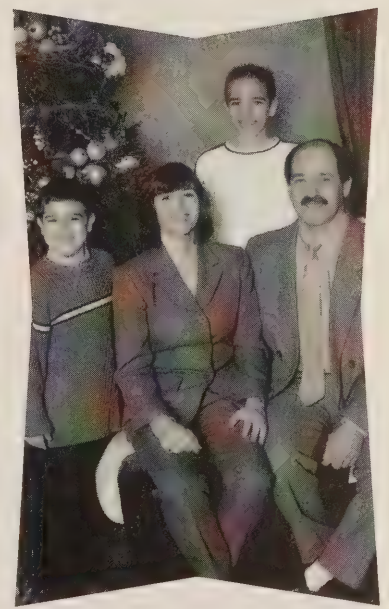




Ruben,

**Congratulations!** We are proud of you in more ways than you can imagine. Whatever you want to do you can do it. We know that. We know how smart and capable you are. Now it is time for you to realize your abilities. Boarding school is the first of many adventures ahead of you and we hope you embrace and enjoy it with the enthusiasm we see in you every day. We will miss you very, very much! May you always remember how much we love you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Kevin







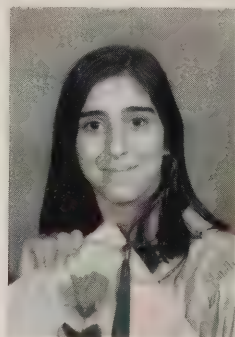
Catarina,

From the day of your birth a beautiful light illuminated our home. As you grew you gave us many precious moments. We were able to guide you in a way that we thought was best. Now, after graduation you will have to take a new road alone. Along that road there will be many obstacles and difficulties. However, we have confidence that you will overcome each of these challenges successfully. If ever you are in need of anything remember you will always have our love and affection.

Congratulations and continue to reach for the stars.

Love:

Mom, Dad, Melissa, and Marissa







*To Our Baby Girl  
Samantha*



*There's nothing in life  
that is more perfect,  
more deeply enduring and real  
than the love that  
a wonderful daughter inspires  
a proud parent to feel.  
Always remember how  
very much you are loved.  
Congratulations!*



*Love,  
Mom, Dad and Kevin*







## *Daughter*

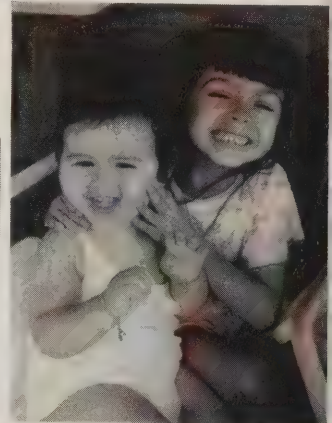
A **daughter** is a wonderful **blessing**,  
A **treasure** from above.  
She's **laughter**, **warmth** and **special charm**,  
She's **thoughtfulness** and **love**.

A **daughter** brings a **special joy**,  
That comes from **deep** inside.  
And as she **grows** to **adulthood**,  
She fills your **heart** with **pride**.

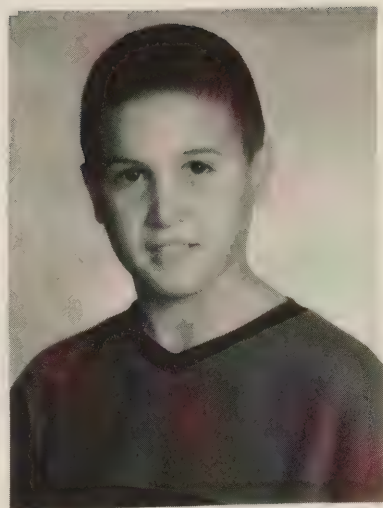
No words can describe the warm **memories**,  
The **pride** and **gratitude**, too.  
That comes from having a **daughter**,  
To **love** and to **cherish**...just like you!



**Ashley,**  
What can we say? It is hard to believe that the time  
has come for you to move on to high school. It was just like  
yesterday that you started elementary school.  
We highly wish you the best in all your  
endeavors and always keep striving for your dreams.  
**We Love You!**  
**-Mom and Dad-**







*Congratulations  
Steven  
&  
The Class of 2003  
May Success & Happiness  
Always Follow You  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Jayson*







Congratulations  
Ivete!



We would like to  
wish you all the  
blessings and all  
the luck in the  
world. We hope  
all your dreams  
come true.



Love Always,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Isabel





TO OUR ALYSSA

We are so proud of you!!!

You are like the sun so bright and strong,

You are like the ocean so large and clear,

You are in our hearts where you belong,

And we love you so much with every tear.

We love you, Always!!

Mommy, Daddy, Willy, Shiloh, Nanny  
& Grandma Rosa



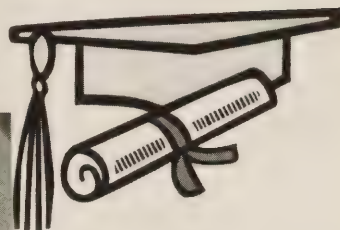
Joana Patricia muitas felicidades,  
amor e carinho dos pais.



E te desejamos um grande sucesso no futuro!!



# Congratulations Alexandra



With each minute that passes by,  
There is one thing that is known  
You are no longer a child,  
You are growing into a woman all your own

As a friend, granddaughter and niece,  
You stand head and shoulders above the rest  
But it is your role as daughter,  
Where you simply shine the best

Just yesterday you started Kindergarten,  
And today you are completing Grade 8  
All the while you have made us all very proud,  
With this there is no debate

So work hard and dream big,  
And remember this is just the first of many "steps"  
Through it all, you'll never be alone,  
We will always be right here cheering you on towards success



*We Love You,  
Mommy & Michael  
Daddy & Millie  
Kea & Jaimie  
Tata, Mark & Steven  
Grandma*



## CLASS OF 2003

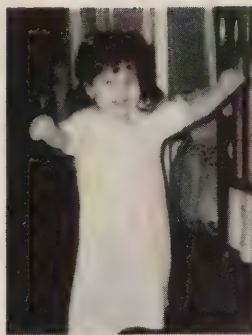


Congratulations,  
Lil' Mike!

We Love You. Good Luck  
in High School.

Love,  
Dad, Melissa,  
and Nicholas

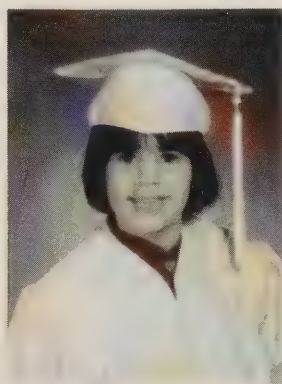




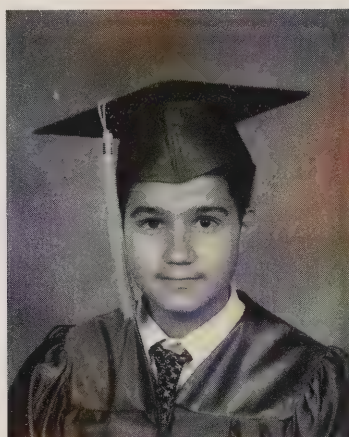
Marian O'Neill  
Sept 25, 1989 8 Lbs 10.5 Oz



CONGRATULATIONS  
MARIAN!  
WE ARE VERY  
PROUD OF YOU.  
YOU ARE VERY  
SPECIAL TO US.  
BEST OF LUCK!  
GOD BLESS YOU!  
LOVE,  
MOM, DAD AND  
WILLIAM

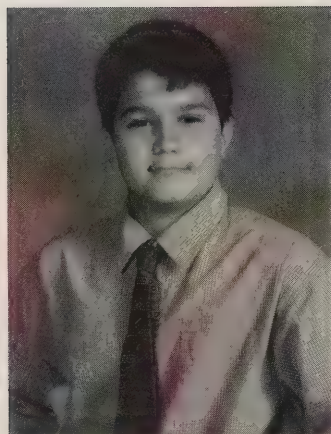






Good Luck Rui

From Mom and  
Dad





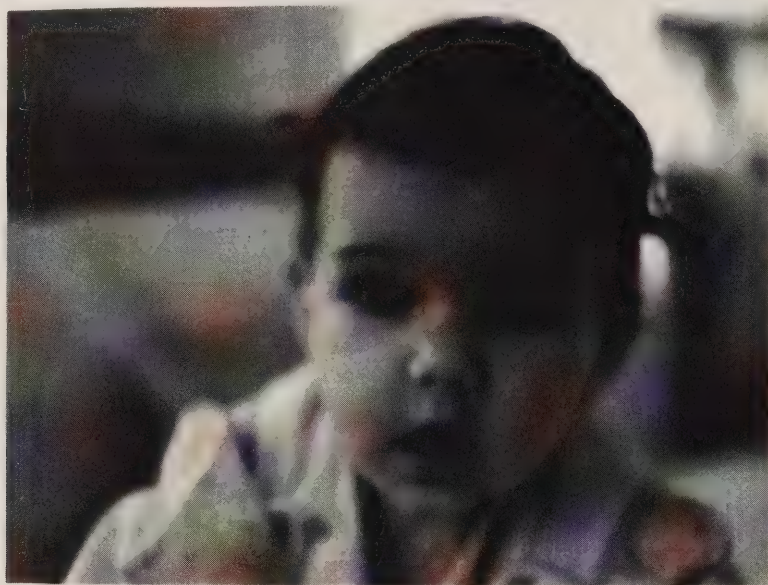
Ama-mos te Andrea.  
Boa sorte e desejamos-te  
felicidades para 2003.







## Congratulations to Diana and the Class of 2003



### "Always Have A Dream"

Forget about the days when it's been cloudy, but don't forget your hours in the sun. Forget about the times you've been defeated, but don't forget the victories you've won. Forget about mistakes that you can't change now, but don't forget the lessons that you've learned. Forget about misfortunes you've encountered, but don't forget the times your luck has turned. Forget about the days when you've been lonely, but don't forget the friendly smiles you've seen. Forget about plans that didn't seem to work out right, but don't forget to always have a dream.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Congratulations!  
Elizabeth

To my baby girl,  
I hope you will accomplish  
your life-time dreams  
and become successful  
at what you are.

Alots of Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Your  
Sister Mara



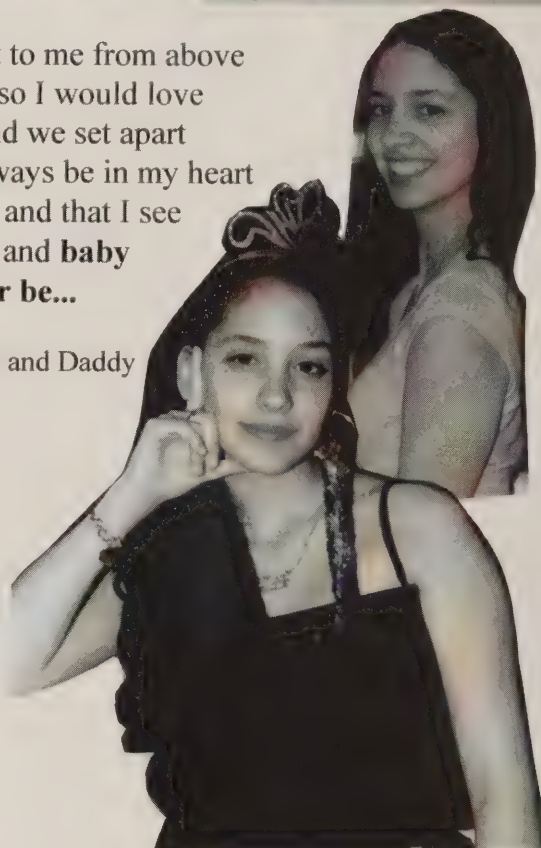




You are my daughter, Sent to me from above  
 You got brought to me so I would love  
 When you grow up and we set apart  
 Don't you worry, you'll always be in my heart  
 You're growing older and that I see  
 But my **daughter and baby**  
**You shall ever be...**

Love,  
 Mommy and Daddy

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You're part of my family  
 together till the end  
 You're my **COUSIN**  
 And my **BEST FRIEND...**

Love,  
 Ariel







I want to thank my teachers, family and friends for always supporting me. Mrs. Fabrizio: My first grade teacher at Ann Street, you were always there for me, you helped me through all these years, you saw me grow, I never forgot I was your student and I will never forget you. Mrs. Janowski: Our class had great times with you but the year we were with you passed so quickly. Mrs. Caswell: You helped me a lot and I am sorry for always telling you all the new things I got and bought. Mrs. Pearlstein: You were a good teacher and you helped me a lot in order to pass the E.S.P.A. Mrs. Perez: Spain Rules! You helped me so much to get better grades. You were my homeroom teacher for 2 years, in fifth and seventh; you are the best! Mrs. Jackson: Thanks for giving me the opportunity to achieve my goals and become more mature and responsible with my work. I know you are retired but I wish you luck although you are not a teacher anymore. Mrs. Bello, Ms. Albanese, and Ms. Santos: Thanks to all three of you for helping me become a hard worker, successful, and passing onto eighth grade. Mrs. Soltys: I want to thank you for helping me succeed and for pushing me to get better at something and to achieve my goal. Mr. Oliveira, Mrs. Lopes, and Ms. Speck: I want to thank you for helping me and giving your time to all the eighth graders so we will be able to pass the G.E.P.A. I also want to thank my preschool and kindergarten teachers from my other school. Also, Mrs. Borges and Mrs. Blaner for giving their time after school for two hours to make us pass the G.E.P.A. I want to thank my mom, dad, and my two sisters for always being there for me throughout my life, and for helping me work hard and become successful in life. I owe my parents a lot because they always provide me with everything I need; not only need but also everything I want. I want to thank my friends from this school that have supported me throughout our years at Ann Street. I also want to thank my close friend Karina that does not go to this school but she was there for me when I needed her. I want to thank other people that used to come to Ann Street like Francisco and Steve because they also helped me through rough times. I also want to thank my friends that go with me to Spanish school. Jackie and Iggy you both helped me a lot and were always there for me, especially this last year when I was tired of being in school until 5 and having to go to Spanish school on the same day for 2 hours. Last but not least my other close friend Stephanie. You were always there for me and we had many arguments but above all that you were always there for me. To all my friends, you helped me through everything and I want to thank you and tell you that I will always be here for you.



## DON'T QUIT

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must - but don't you quit.*

*Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow -  
You might succeed with another blow.*

*Often the goal is nearer than  
it seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the victor's cup.  
And he learned too late, when the  
night slipped down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.*

*Success is failure turned inside out-  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt-  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.*



*We wish you all the happiness, and success that life can bring to you now and forever. (God Bless You)*

*Love always,  
Mom, Dad,  
Jessica and Brandon*



TO OUR SON NICHOLAS,

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 8TH GRADE GRADUATION! YOU ARE A JOY TO OUR FAMILY AND YOU MAKE US PROUD TO BE YOUR PARENTS. WE PRAY THAT YOU ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RIGHT PATH INTO MAKING ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE. AS YOU CLOSE THIS CHAPTER IN YOUR LIFE, AND BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY INTO ANOTHER ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU.

WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS ! DAD AND MOM



TO MY BROTHER NICK,

CONGRATULATIONS! I WISH YOU ALL THE LUCK AND HAPPINESS IN YOUR FUTURE. HAVE FUN IN HIGH SCHOOL. MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE.

I LOVE YOU ALWAYS, YOUR SISTER AMANDA



TO THE MOST WONDERFUL YOUNG MAN WE KNOW, NICHOLAS

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK ALWAYS.

WE LOVE YOU!

TIO, TITI, AL, DELFA, MICHAEL, & CHRISTINA



CONGRATULATIONS, NICHOLAS!

HAVE FUN AT ROSELLE CATHOLIC, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

LOVE ALWAYS, UNCLE PAT,  
TITI ELAINE, MARIA & ANTHONY





# The Road Not Taken

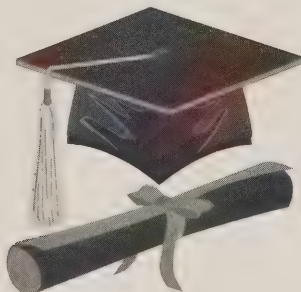
By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

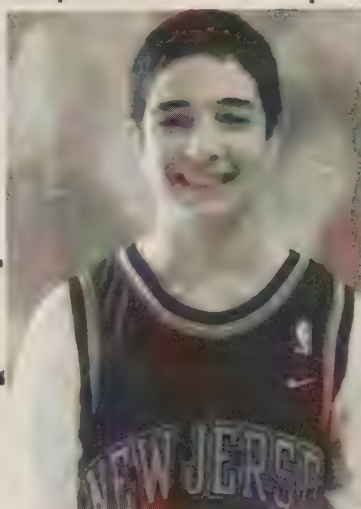


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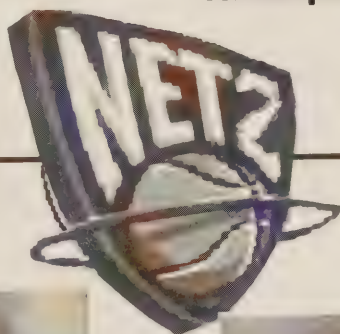
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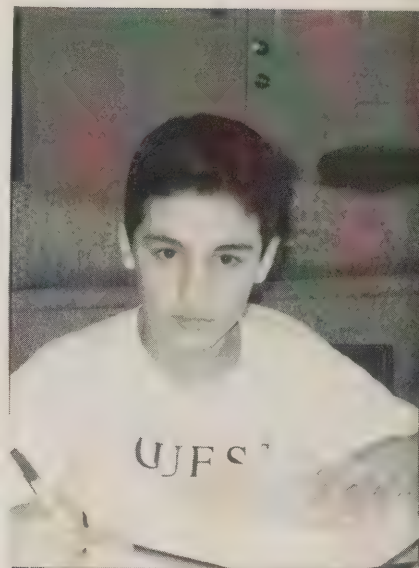
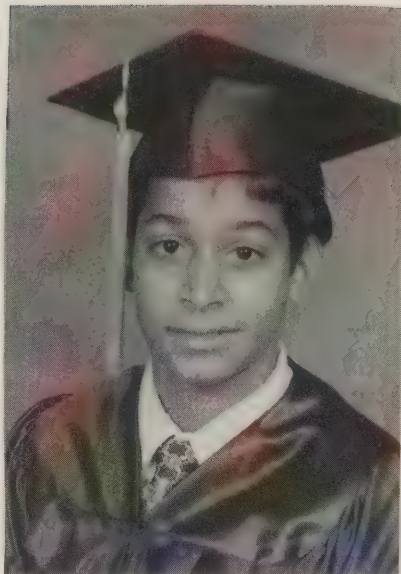
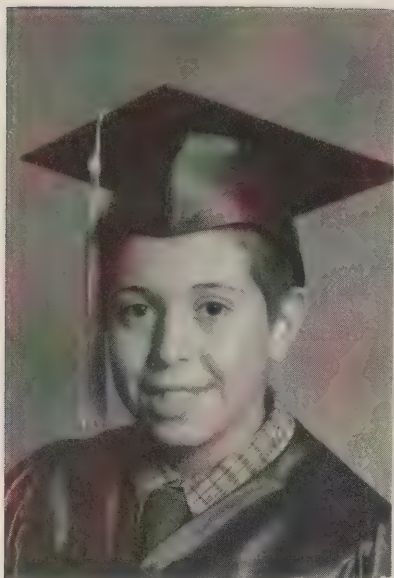
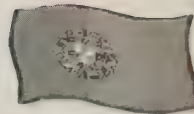
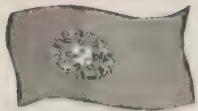


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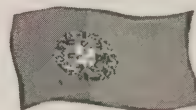
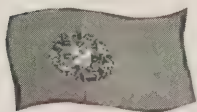
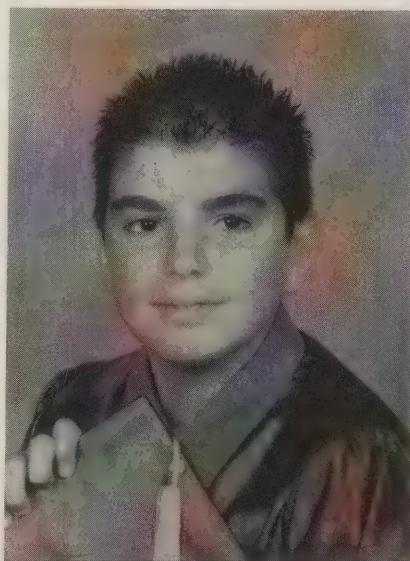
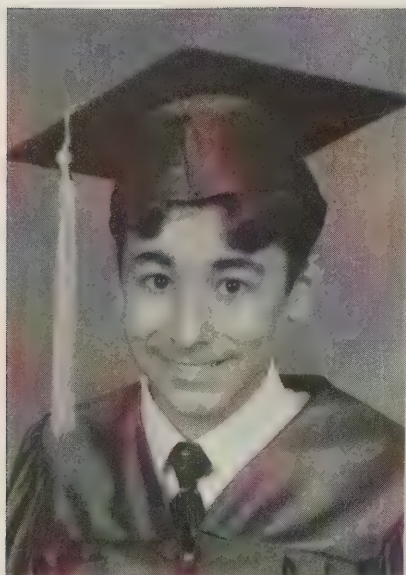


**Bruno Pereira-SF**





We are and will  
always be friends  
no matter what the  
challenges we face  
are.





# GENERATION PUPZ FRIENDZ 4 LIFE



Aline

\*I Believe in Angels  
The kinda that Heaven Sends..  
Im Surrounded By Angels  
But I Call them my friends.\*



Beatriz



~CrOsS uR HeArT & hOpE 2 DiE  
ClOtHeZ & MaKeUp, BoYs & LiEs  
4EvA tHeRe TiLL Da EnD  
DeFiNiTiOn Of : TrUe BeSt FriENDz~

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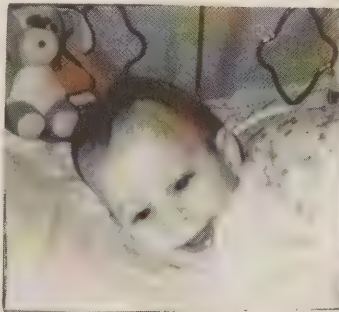
Friends are 4ever,  
Guyz are whatever.  
When worst comez 2 worst  
My girlz come 1st\*



Monica



?GUESS WHO?



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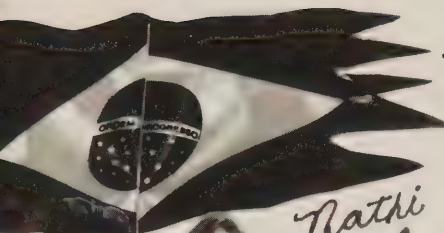




SIDE BY SIDE OR MILES APART, BEST FRIENDS  
ARE ALWAYS CLOSE TO THE HEART.

♡ Meli ☆ Sam ☆ Ash ♡





# Best Friends For Eva!!!!

Nathi  
Lory  
Hayma  
Mim



Mim Hayma Lory Nathi





### "True Friends"

I got your back, you got mine,  
I'll help you out, anytime.

To see you hurt, to see you cry,  
Makes me weep, and want to ask why.

And if you agree, to never fight,  
It wouldn't matter, who's wrong or right.

If a broken heart, needs a mend,  
I'll be right there, to the end.

If your cheeks are wet, from drops of tears,  
Don't you worry, let go of your fears.

Hand in hand, love is sent,  
We'll be true friends, till the end.





*Class of 2003  
Friends Forever  
School's out  
Memories past  
Don't ever doubt  
Our friendship will last.*





"Allie"  
♡



"Monique"  
♡



"marci"  
♡



"Alyssa"  
♡



"Chiqui"  
♡

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BEST FRIENDS

We weren't sisters by birth, but we knew from the start...fate brought us together to be sisters by \*heart\*

FOREVER !!!

\* Muah... \*



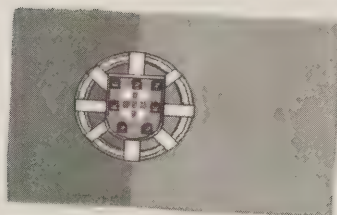
"Steph"  
♡



"Lizzy"  
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"Ashley"  
♡





tommy girl





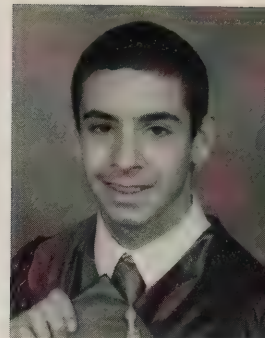
A memory lasts forever, Never does it die , True friends stay together  
and never say Good-Bye









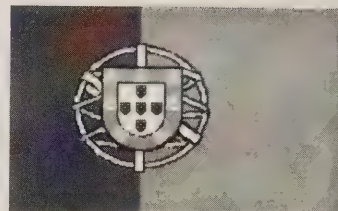
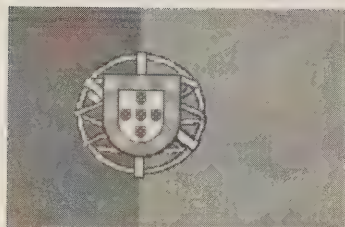


Friends 4-Life  
by Doryann Hallicy

Friends 4-life is what we are  
Through thick and thin you were my friend,  
Leaning on you, you gave me support,  
The strength to get up and go again.

If my heart was shattered, you'd heal it,  
If my heart was happy, we both rejoiced in it.

You are my best friend,  
always and forever,  
It's been good,  
the best friendship ever,  
that Never ends, now and forever.





Wherever the future may lead,  
 May you always have the wisdom and strength  
 To follow your dreams, the courage and ambition  
 To meet new challenges, and may you know  
 The happiness and pride, that comes with success.





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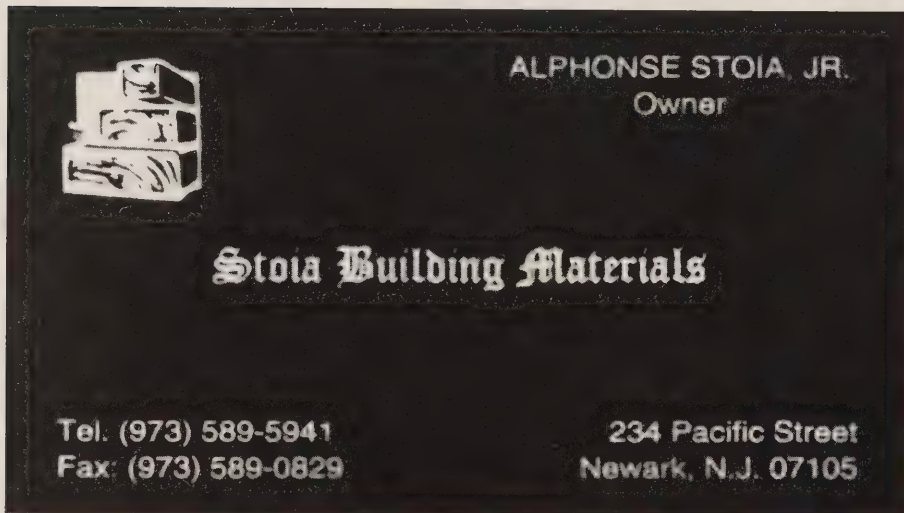
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Grace, Luis, Sara, and  
Luis Pedro Fernandes



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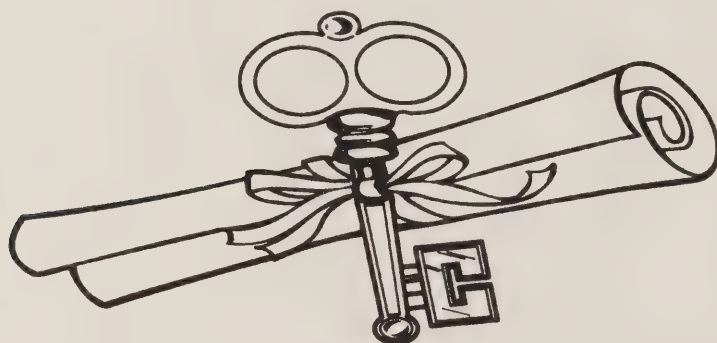
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BE FILLED WITH LUCK!

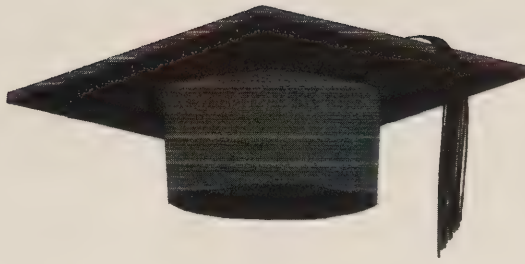


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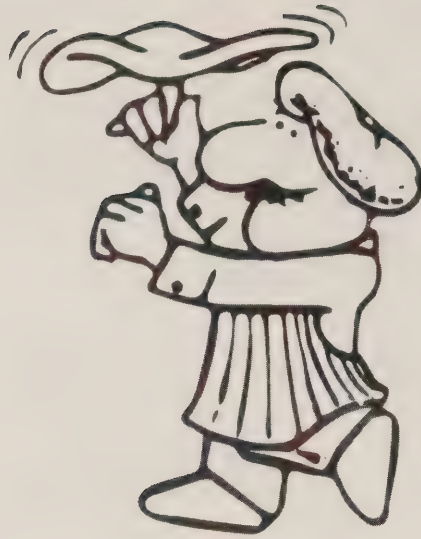
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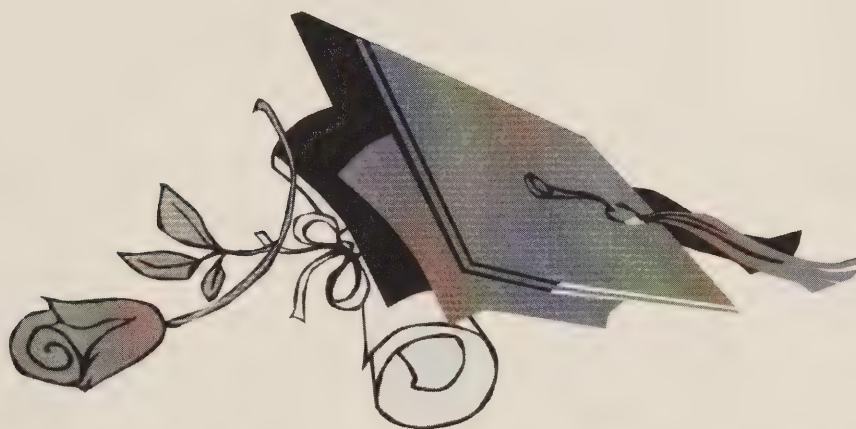
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From the Owner: Armando Ganhito

# CONGRATULATIONS!

SUSANA RIBEIRO

WE WISH YOU  
LOTS OF LUCK!



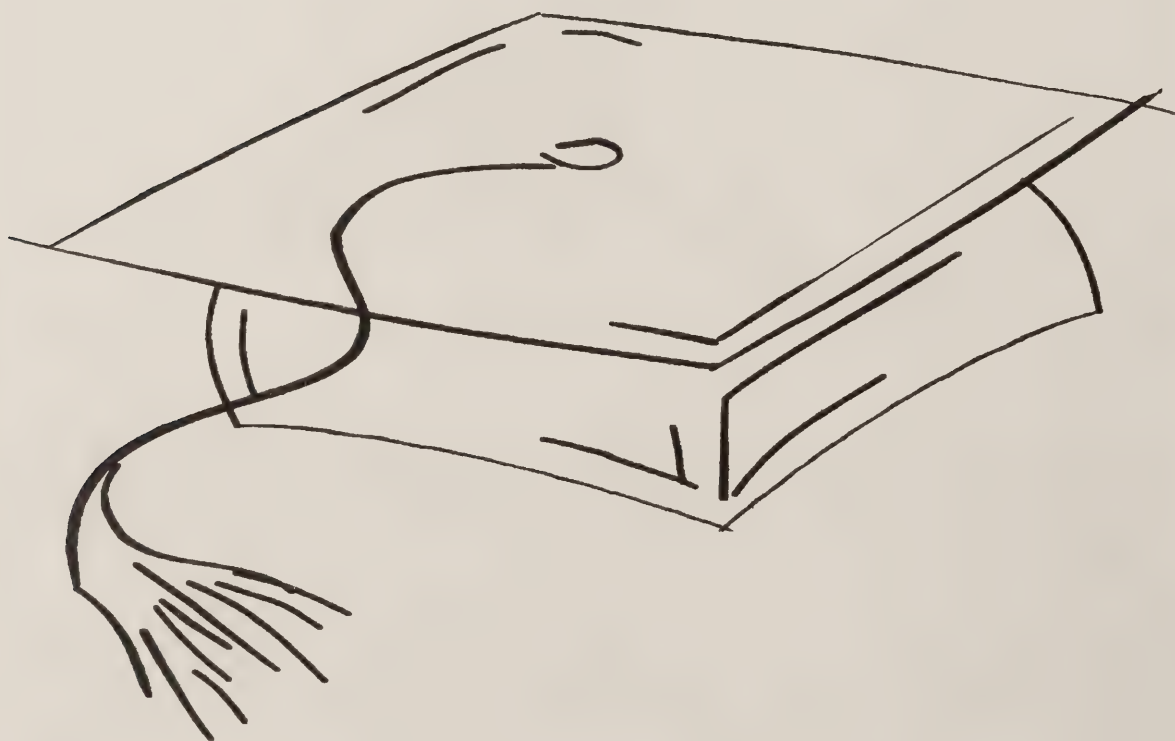
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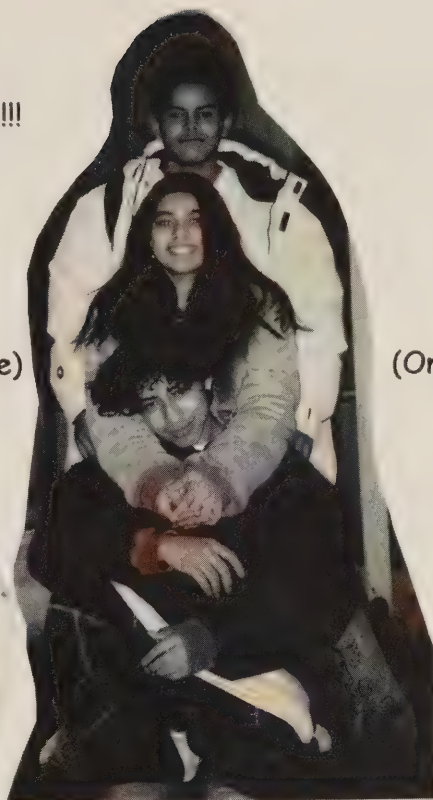
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&  
The Class of 2003  
Best of Luck  
Love,  
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Noelene 94, Michael & Jeffrey**





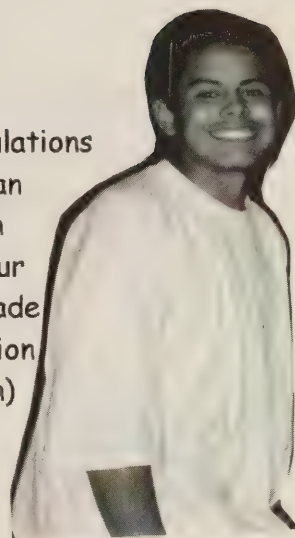
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on your  
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(Ana Castillo  
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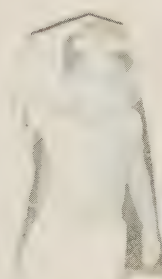
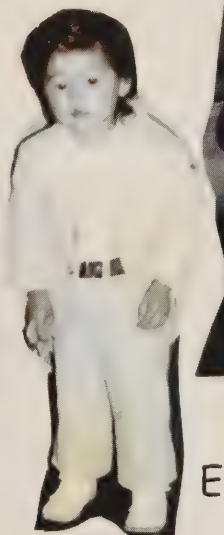


Congratulations

Jean  
on  
your  
8<sup>th</sup> grade  
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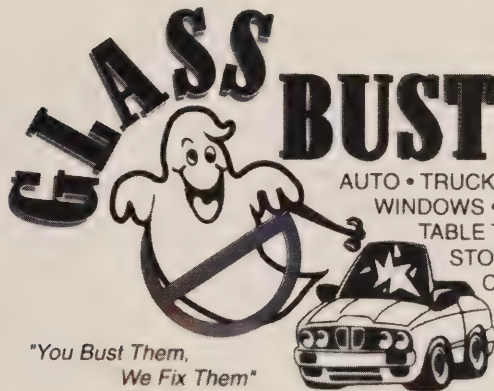
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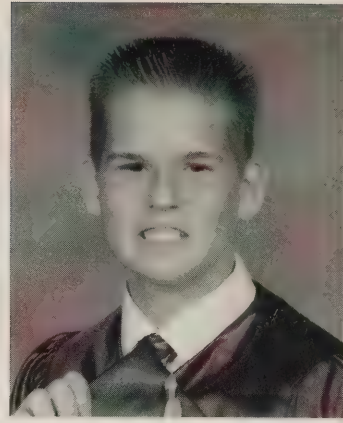
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Congratulations and the best of  
luck to my daughter Suzye Alves.





Chris,  
Congratulations  
to  
Our  
BABY!



We Love You  
Mom, Dad, Joe, and Justin

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Congratulations Bruna



We wish you  
all the best luck!



Be yourself;  
The world worships  
the original.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Eddie



# Congratulations

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Congratulations  
Michael

May All Your Dreams Come True

Love,  
Aunt D, Uncle Jay-r,  
Jayson, & Steven





## Congratulations Vanessa

Graduation is a time  
For feeling very proud,  
For thinking lots of lovely thoughts  
And saying them out loud.  
It's a time for feeling love  
About to overflow,  
And just before it leaps its banks,  
To let the loved one know.  
And so we're very proud of you  
For being who you are,  
For making something of yourself,  
For making it this far.  
We're proud because we're a part  
Of everything you do.  
This time's the time to say how much  
love we have for you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Brother



## Boa Sorte

Daiana,  
Eu agradeço muito a Deus pela sua vida, e  
pela sua inteligência, pois é um dom de Deus.  
Espero que você continue sendo esta filha  
obediente, e que alcance o que você tanto sonha.

Te amamos  
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We will be the very best  
of friends until the very  
end.”

- Marian and Ming



## Congratulations

## Christopher

We're all very proud  
of you.

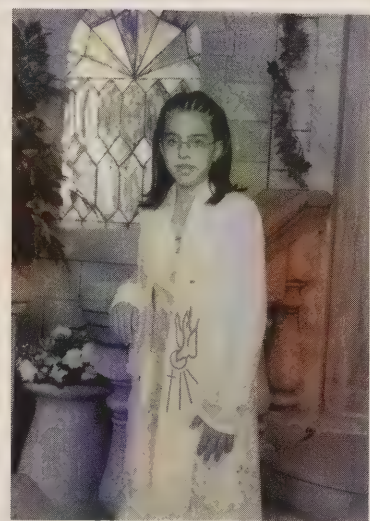
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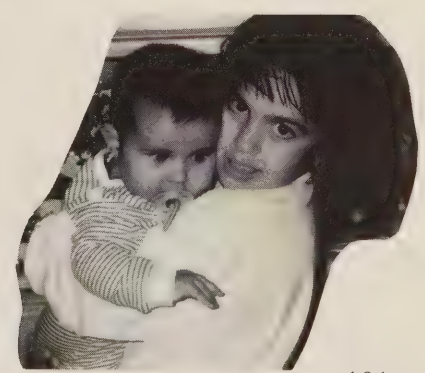


# Friends 4 Ever

ø~x~ø A memory last 4ever  
Never does it die~x~ø  
ø~x~ø True friends stay together  
And never say goodbye~x~ø



Congratulations  
and  
Good Luck  
Deanna







Congratulations

Desde el cielo,  
Unos ojos calidos guian tu  
camino. Con sus manos  
cobija y protege to entorno.  
Es tu guia, tu guardian...!  
Es tu angel de la guarda,  
Es tu madre...  
En la tierra hoy un arbol,  
Es tu apoyo...ese soy yo  
y en los dias de recuerdo,  
Hacia el cielo miraremos.  
Juntos los dos.

Love, Mom, Dad, and  
Friends.

You are  
your own destiny!  
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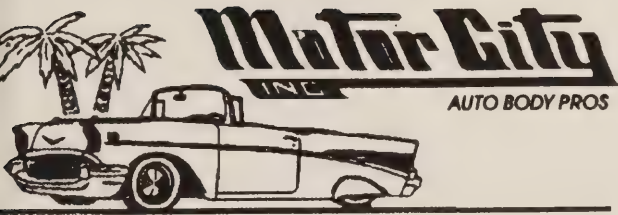
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can take you .....**

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Congratulations  
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Good Luck in High  
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Hope your future is bright.  
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Love,  
Mana Xinha



Congratulations Sarah!!!  
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Love,



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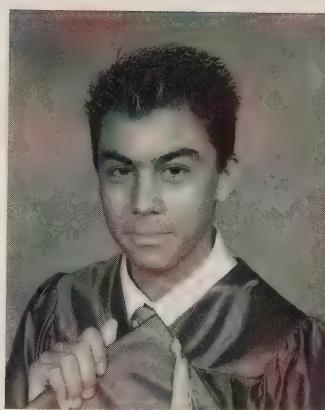
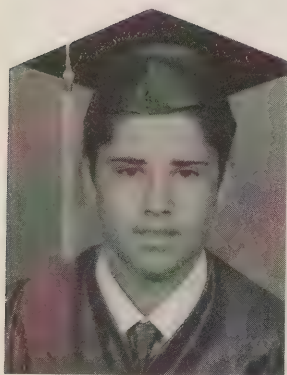
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Dear Marcio,

We are  
proud of  
you. Good  
Luck in  
high  
school.



Good  
Luck in  
High  
School!

Congratulations David.

“We are very proud of you.”  
From Mom, Dad and  
Brother



Stephanie,  
Desejo-te as maiores  
felicidades e muito  
exitos nos teus estudos.

Parabens

Com muito amor e  
carinho.

Dos Teus Pais



Parabens, nos  
desjamos-te muita  
sorte daqui para  
diante, e lembra-te  
que tens sempre os  
teus pais ao teu lado  
para te apoiarem  
quando mais  
necessitares.

Com muito  
amor e carinho  
dos teus pais.





Congratulations!  
We wish you  
good luck in the  
future.

Love Dad,  
Mom and Emily

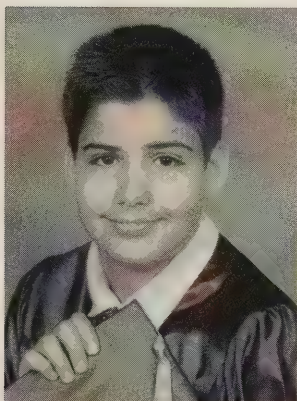


Congratulations  
MaryAnn



Love,  
Your Family

DE PAI E MAE COM  
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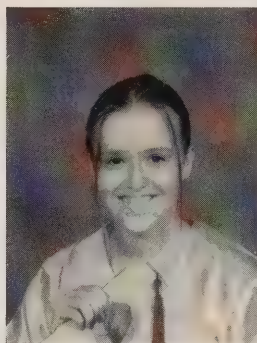
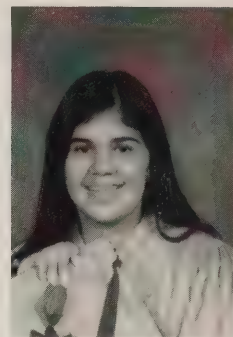
# Congratulations Tania



Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Brother and  
Sister-in-Law

## FRIENDSHIP

Marian,  
You are a great  
person and a  
special friend to  
me. I, person-  
ally, feel  
honored that  
you are my  
friend.



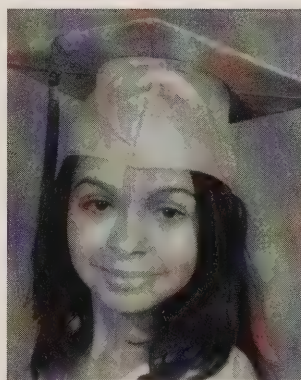
Vanessa,  
You are a very  
unique person!  
Whenever I was  
feeling down, you  
were always there  
to cheer me up.  
Thank you for  
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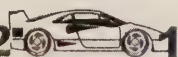
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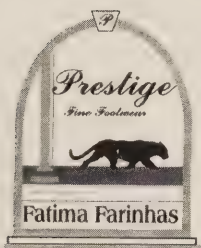
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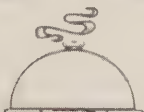
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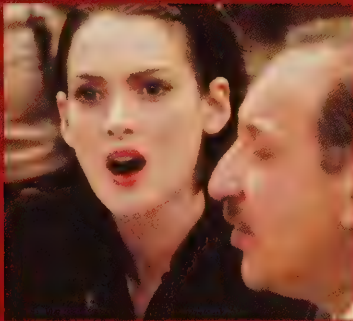
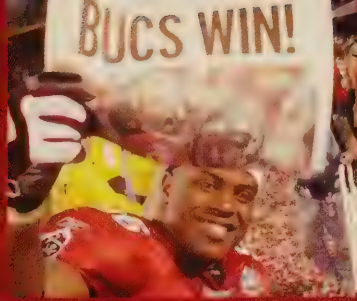
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Thailand's Health Ministry announced plans to provide free massage services at more than 20 gas stations on major inter-city highways and around the capital city of Bangkok. The initiative was meant to relieve motorists' stress and decrease the number of highway deaths.

## Death Not An Option

Mayor Gil Bernardi, of the French Mediterranean town, Le Lavandou, banned local residents from dying after a court order rebuffed his plans to develop a new seaside cemetery. Bernardi found the edict to be "remarkably well followed," as he awaited a decision on his appeal.



Photo by Alex Wong/Getty Images

## Trans-Atlantic Jet Setter

Spanish Count Alvaro de Marichalar set a world record by completing a 5,200-mile, four-month journey across the Atlantic on a jet ski. Marichalar trained for a year before setting out from Rome for Miami on a nine-foot watercraft with a support ship and crew of six bringing up the rear.

## Nation Loses Time

It is a common complaint that there is not enough time in a day; however, for the people of Venezuela time is actually slipping away. Clocks in that country are ticking too slowly because a nationwide power shortage is weakening the electric current. Each day, electric clocks lose 150 seconds.

# WOR

Former President Jimmy Carter was awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to further human rights and democracy, find peaceful solutions to world conflicts and encourage economic and social growth. After serving as president from 1977 to 1981, Carter founded the Carter Center, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the human condition. ▼

The Miss World competition was moved from Nigeria's capital, Abuja, to London after violent protests broke out in Nigeria. The protests began after a Nigerian newspaper printed an article that questioned why Mohammed would not have approved of the Miss World competition and said he probably would have married one of the contestants. ►



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Nearly 200 people died after a bomb was detonated in a popular tourist area in Bali. Terrorist network al Qaeda claimed responsibility on its website for the bombing. The act of terrorism severely hurt the Indonesian island's economy as tourists traveled to alternate destinations. ►



Two Guatemalan twins who had been joined together at the tops of their heads returned home five months after doctors separated them in a 22-hour operation. Healing the Children, a nonprofit organization, arranged for the girls and their parents to come to Los Angeles for the surgery, and the doctors donated their services. ▼

Jury trials returned to most Russian courtrooms for the first time in 85 years as a result of legislation passed through parliament by supporters of President Vladimir Putin. The law amends the criminal code with 3,500 changes that emulate the Western model of a fair trial.

Nearly 1,000 people died when a Senegalese ferry traveling off the coast of Gambia capsized and sank. Investigators said overloading was the key cause of the disaster, which occurred when passengers moved to one side of the ship to take cover during a storm.

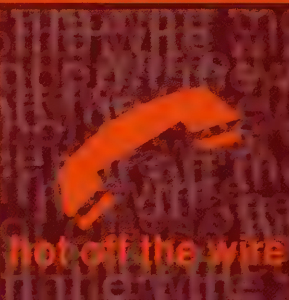


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In a historic speech before the Italian parliament, Pope John Paul II strongly urged Italians to have more children to turn the tide against the nation's declining rate of birth. He also called on government officials to show prisoners leniency, when appropriate, by reducing their sentences.

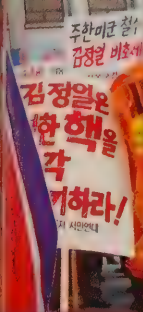


Violence raged in the Ivory Coast after rebels failed in their coup attempt and took control of the northern part of the country. After the northern rebels signed a truce with the government, new rebels attempted to take control of the west. Hundreds of people died during the year, and more than 600,000 fled their homes. ►

Photo by Pascal Le S







Tensions were high after North Korea began to use one of the nuclear reactors it had agreed to shut down in 1994. North Korea claimed it had to restart its nuclear program to provide power because the United States had stopped sending the country shipments of fuel oil. The U.S. said it only stopped shipping oil after North Korea started to work on its nuclear weapons program. ▲



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How do you think going to war with Iraq would affect your daily life?

- |                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Some things, but not many | 66.3% |
| 2. Every part                | 21.7% |
| 3. It wouldn't               | 12%   |

# LD NEWS

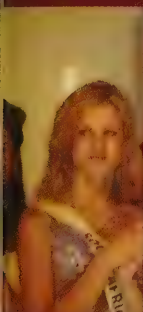


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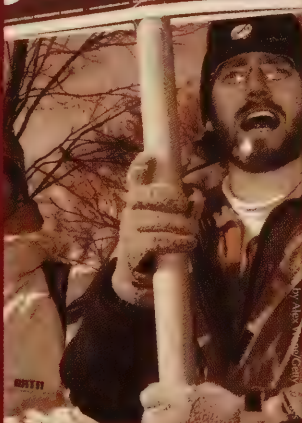
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Hu Jintao, who has plans to help China's poor, took over as China's Communist party chief from Jiang Zemin in the Communists' first orderly succession since 1949. China also allowed the United Nations unconditional access to investigate its treatment of human rights, a move the United States said meant China was sincere about improving its human rights record. ▲

## NO WAR ON IRAQ



Concerned that Iraq could assemble nuclear weapons, the United Nations required Iraq to disclose and disarm its weapons of mass destruction. While the United Nations conducted weapon inspections in Iraq, the United States prepared to go to war.

Questions remained about how long the weapon inspections

would take and thousands of people protested the war in more than 220 cities around the country on a weekend in January.

Meanwhile, the U.S. sent almost as many aircraft carriers and troops into the Persian Gulf as were there during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.



# SPECIAL ON IRAQ



# THE WAR ON TERRORISM



Memorial services were held around the country on the anniversary of Sept. 11, which President George W. Bush proclaimed Patriot Day. One year after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the sluggish American economy still felt the effects. News about Afghanistan diminished, but al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden were still in the news. Debate continued about what should be built at the Ground Zero

site, and colleges were asked to turn over personal information about their foreign students and teachers to the FBI.

The country continued to pursue Osama bin Laden and other threats to national security in its War on Terror. Sometimes the war was subtle, and sometimes it was very noticeable. The Immigration and Naturalization Service began to fingerprint and photograph men who entered the

United States from 18 Middle Eastern countries. Bush signed a Homeland Security bill into law that created a new federal department devoted to preventing future attacks and allowed commercial airline pilots to carry guns.

The director of the FBI announced that his organization had thwarted almost 100 terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, 2001. He said some of the attacks were intended for U.S. targets.

John Allen Muhammed and John Lee Malvo were accused of carrying out a string of sniper shootings that killed 10 people and wounded three others during a three-week period in the Washington, D.C., area. Victims, who were selected at random during the killing spree, ranged in age from 13 to 72. ▶



Nine Pennsylvania miners emerged one-by-one from a small, dark, flooded chamber 240 feet below the surface after being trapped for more than three days. The ordeal began when water from an adjacent abandoned mine burst through a breached wall and filled the shaft in which they were working. Rescuers worked around the clock to free the men, who surfaced relatively unscathed. ▲



The Roman Catholic Church was immersed in a scandal involving forbidden sex and molestation, as well as widespread cover-ups at the hands of some of its most prominent officials. At the center of it all was the Boston Archdiocese, where Cardinal Bernard Law resigned under pressure from allegations that he withheld knowledge of priests sexually abusing children. ▶

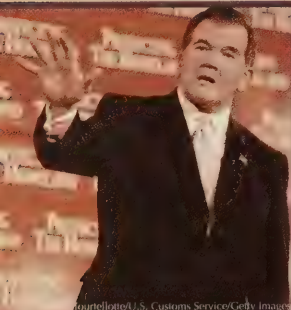


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The West Nile virus captured the nation's attention during the summer as it spread from coast to coast. The mosquito-transmitted virus, which leads to fever, head and body aches, and sometimes encephalitis or meningitis, killed approximately 250 citizens in 2002. ▶

# ON



## SNIPER CAUGHT

Seven astronauts perished when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart over central Texas as it reentered the atmosphere. The tragedy occurred less than 20 minutes before the planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center. An investigation into the cause of the accident initially centered on possible damage to the craft's protective tiles from flying debris during takeoff. ▼

## Not What We Had In Mind

Jersey City, N.J., officials held an anniversary tribute to Sept. 11 victims, where they planned to release a flock of doves at a downtown ceremony. Since all dove suppliers were sold out, they decided to use pigeons instead. The solemn ceremony was interrupted when the birds, having been caged most of their lives, flew around erratically and careened into the crowd.

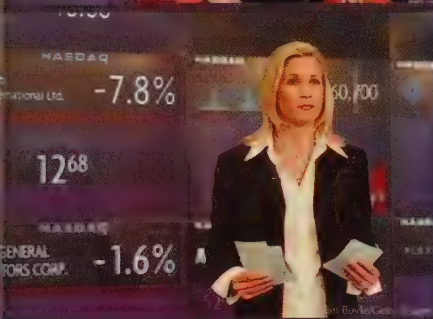
## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### There's A Monkey In My Pants!

California environmentalist Robert Cusack was arrested on smuggling charges when customs officials found a pair of pygmy monkeys in his pants. Further inspection revealed that Cusack, who was returning from a trip to Thailand, also had four exotic birds and 50 rare orchids in his suitcase.



Highly publicized stories of missing children prompted talk of a nationwide Amber Alert system. The system, already in place in several states, is used to broadcast descriptions of missing children and their abductors over radio, TV and electronic highway signs. Some parents considered buying devices like the global positioning watch for their children as a precaution. ▼



The economy, still trying to re-build itself after Sept. 11, continued to struggle. Millions of Americans were out of jobs as the national unemployment rate hit an eight-year high. Holiday shoppers spent less than economists expected, and a record number of people lost their homes when they could not make their mortgage payments. ▲



Accounting scandals continued this year as WorldCom replaced Enron as the nation's largest bankruptcy. Thousands of workers lost their jobs and retirement savings because of the scandals, and the SEC began requiring that CEOs verify financial statements for their publicly held companies to boost investor confidence. Officers whose statements were found incorrect could face criminal charges and possible jail time. ►



A man who had been adrift at sea for four months was rescued by the crew of a U.S. Navy ship after he was spotted near Costa Rica by a military aircraft. Richard Van Pham, the 62-year-old man, said he survived by drinking rainwater he collected in a bucket and eating fish and seagulls. He had only intended to take a short sailing trip, but the wind broke his mast, and his radio quit working. ▲

# AL NEWS



Sixty of Chicago's public schools received \$10,000 as part of a new system of incentives that focuses on raising test scores. The program is part of the district's new system of accountability, which before had sanctioned schools that performed poorly on the tests.



Wildfires wreaked havoc on the western United States, destroying double the number of acres than in the previous worst year. One of the largest of these fires was in Colorado, where a U.S. Forest Services worker admitted to starting an enormous blaze while burning a letter from her estranged husband.

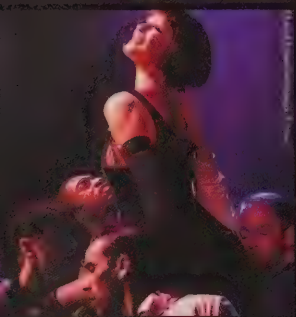


Did you watch  
the first season of  
American Idol?

- a) Every week 19%
- b) Once in awhile 33.1%
- c) Never 48%



Kelly Clarkson was voted the first American Idol and won a \$1 million recording contract in the summer's most-watched TV show. The show's success spawned talent searches on other major TV networks, as well as a second season of *American Idol*, a book and a movie. ▶▶



*Chicago* danced its way to 13 Oscar nominations, more than any other film in the 2003 Academy Award race. The musical earned the coveted Best Picture nomination and acting nominations for four of its stars, including lead actress Renee Zellweger, supporting actresses Catherine Zeta-Jones and Queen Latifah, and supporting actor John C. Reilly. Director Rob Marshall was also nominated. ▶

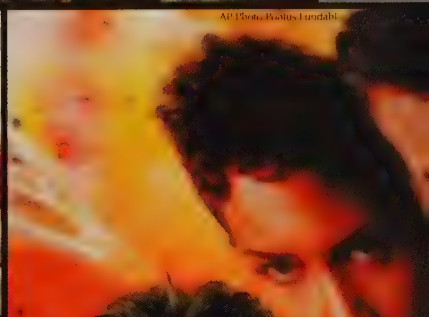
Martin Scorsese's epic *Gangs of New York* grabbed a second highest 10 Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director, in the 2003 Academy Award race. Lead actor Daniel Day-Lewis earned a nomination and the movie also earned Oscar nods for Best Original Screenplay, Best Cinematography and Best Original Song. U2's *The Hands That BUILT America*. ▶



# ENTERTAINMENT



It was a year of sequels as *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* hit theaters. *The Two Towers* outperformed its predecessor in its opening weekend, and later earned six Oscar nominations. *The Chamber of Secrets* was on target to match the success of the first Harry Potter movie. ▶▶



Even more television airtime was devoted to the reality TV bandwagon this year. Reality series debuts this year included *Joe Millionaire*, which had the highest-scoring new series debut of the season, *The Bachelorette*, *The Osbournes*, and *High School Reunion*. ▶

What was your favorite  
movie this school year?

1. *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*
2. *8 Mile*
3. XXX

*Spiderman* sold a record number of DVDs the first weekend it was available in stores. The movie also broke the record for biggest opening weekend ever in theaters, a record previously held by *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. ▲





*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, a romantic comedy about a Greek woman who falls for a non-Greek man, became the biggest independent film release ever in the U.S. The movie cost only \$5 million to make and grossed more than \$200 million at the box office. ▼▶



AP Photo/Reed Saxon

## Celebrity Stalker for President

Nicole Kidman found herself facing a \$200-million defamation lawsuit filed by a man accused of stalking her, Matthew Hooker, who had been placed under a restraining order for his harassment of the actress, claimed: the stalker label was detrimental to his 2004 presidential campaign.

Photo by Sebastian Anz/Getty Images



## What was your favorite TV show this school year?

1. *Friends*
2. *The Simpsons*
3. *The Osbournes*

## Don't Blame The Winston Man

Raymond Leopold, the *Winston Man* model who appeared in cigarette ads in the late 70s, filed a federal lawsuit, seeking \$63 million in punitive damages from the R.J. Reynolds Co. Leopold cited the remorse and stress he has suffered from the role he played in contributing to smoking-related illnesses in people influenced by the ads.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

## Nature In Swimsuits

*National Geographic* made headlines when it released its first swimsuit issue, albeit not as revealing as one competitor's annual look at the scantily clad. A special collector's edition sold only on newsstands, the issue chronicled the swimsuit over the last 100 years.

# NM ENT

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◀ A few surprises took place at the 54th Annual Emmy Awards as some old favorites and a newcomer won trophies for television excellence. *Friends* finally took home the prize for Best Comedy after eight years and four nominations, while star Jennifer Aniston won her first Emmy as Lead Actress in a Comedy. Michael Chiklis grabbed the Lead Actor in a Drama award for his role on FX's *The Shield*. Another big winner was NBC's *The West Wing* with four Emmys, including Best Drama. HBO and NBC received the most honors with each earning 24 awards. In addition, Oprah Winfrey was honored with the first Bob Hope Humanitarian Award which was established to recognize Hope's pioneering and humanitarian efforts. ▼

The Osbourne family, with a smash reality TV hit after its first season on MTV, seemed to be everywhere in 2002 with merchandising and book deals totaling in excess of \$20 million. Along the way, *The Osbournes* won an Emmy, the family hosted the 30th Annual American Music Awards, Ozzy was honored with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star, and Kelly recorded her first album. ▲

Spies and espionage were all the rage on TV with shows like FOX's *24* starring Kiefer Sutherland and ABC's *Alias* with Jennifer Garner. Both in their sophomore seasons, the shows captured a wide audience and consistently finished strong in the weekly Nielsen ratings.

hot off the wire

*Die Another Day* became the biggest-opening James Bond movie ever, earning an estimated \$47 million its first weekend to break the record previously held by *The World Is Not Enough*. The film starred Pierce Brosnan as James Bond and Oscar-winner Halle Berry as a female agent. ▲

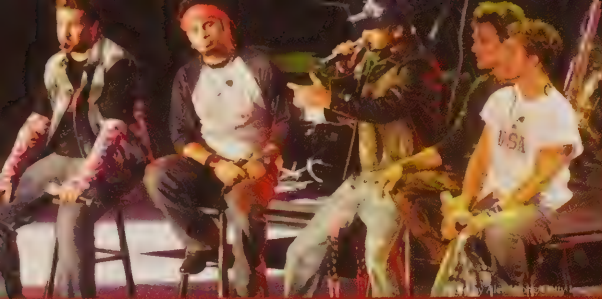
After a 16-month hiatus, HBO's smash mob hit, *The Sopranos*, returned for its fourth season. The delay was attributed mainly to creator David Chase's meticulous crafting of every show, from script to music to final edit. Meanwhile, Chase hinted that the fifth season might be the show's last.

First-time novelist Alice Sebold conquered the New York Times best-seller list with *The Lovely Bones*, which hit number one and stayed on the list for more than 30 weeks. A tale of rape and murder, readers found the story to be less about tragedy and more about the resiliency of the human spirit.

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Each member of NSync tried a project on his own. Justin Timberlake released a solo album, Joey Fatone performed in a Broadway musical, Chris Kirkpatrick designed clothes, Lance Bass trained for a Russian space mission, and JC Chasez began recording his own album. ◀▶



R&B vocalist Ashanti took home eight trophies from the Billboard Music Awards, winning each category for which she was nominated. She was also named the best new pop/rock and hip-hop/R&B artist at the American Music Awards and Choice Breakout Artist at the Teen Choice Awards. Ashanti also received five Grammy Award nominations. ▼▶



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What was your favorite album this school year?

1. *The Eminem Show*
2. *Nellyville*
3. *8 Mile*



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### It Kind Of Sounds The Same

The British musical group The Planets introduced a 60-second piece of silence on its latest album, creating controversy with representatives of the late composer John Cage, who was credited with writing 433 (273 seconds of silence). Lawyers threatened to sue for violation of copyright, but failed when they could not specify which 60 of the 273 seconds had been copied.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

### Elvis' Hair Has Left The Building

An anonymous bidder paid more than \$115,000 for a large, vacuum-packed lock of Elvis Presley's hair in an online auction hosted by Illinois-based MastroNet Incorporated. The King of Rock's former barber, Homer Gilleland, had collected the hair. He gave it to friend Tom Morgan, who then put it on the auction block.

### Christmas Carol Court

Fifty-five traffic violators in Columbia, Tenn., avoided paying fines by belting out their favorite Yuletide carol. Those lucky enough to draw the last court date before Christmas were given the choice of singing a carol and donating five canned goods to a local food bank in exchange for having their tickets dismissed.

### George & John Philip To The Rescue

Legendary composers Gershwin and Sousa were enlisted to help the Boston transit police drive away delinquent teens loitering in one of the city's high-traffic subway stations. Authorities began piping in a mix of show tunes and marches to the dismay of area youth, who have since found other places to hang out.

# MUSIC

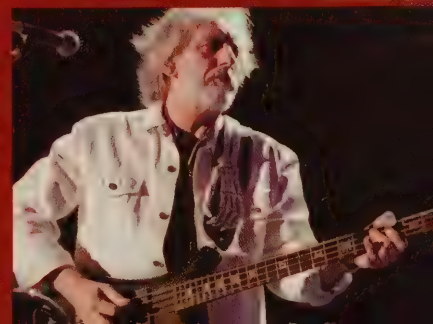


Rapper Jay-Z went back to school as a principal during his 10-city Principal for a Day tour. Local radio contests determined which schools he visited to promote education and his *Blueprint 2* CD. At each of the schools, he performed the daily duties of the principal and spoke to the student body. ▶



Photo by Spencer Platt

John Entwistle, bass player for The Who, died of a heart attack at age 57 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Also known as Thunderfingers, he died just one day before the group was to begin a North American tour. ▶







Bruce Springsteen's *The Rising* climbed the charts with stirring songs that focused on the people affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. The tribute album, which was his first studio release of all-new material since 1995, struck a chord with a grieving public and served as a cathartic diversion.



Columbian superstar Shakira won awards in every category for which she was nominated at the first Latin MTV Video Music Awards, including best female artist, best pop artist, artist of the year, video of the year, and best artist from the north region. The top male artist honors went to Juanes, a folk rock singer from Columbia. ▶▶▶



Published by Riverhead Books, Kurt Cobain: *The Journals* sparked a whole new debate on the life and death of the troubled, yet influential, musician. An 800-page volume, the book consists of 23 of Cobain's private diaries, written from 1987 up until his suicide in April 1994.

Michael Jackson raised an uproar by slaying his 11-year-old baby girl a two-day holiday in Berlin as he greeted fans. The pop star later offered an apology, saying he had caught up to the moment and would never intentionally endanger the lives of his children.

Bee Gees' singer Maurice Gibb died at 53 from a heart attack. Gibb sang with his brothers in the Bee Gees for more than 40 years and also played bass and keyboards for the band. Their soundtrack to the 1977 movie, *Saturday Night Fever*, is often credited with launching the worldwide disco craze. ▶



Elvis set a personal record this year, 25 years after his death; he had his first album to debut at number one on the Billboard chart. RCA records released *Elvis 30 #1 Hits* for the 25th anniversary of The King's death, which jumped immediately to number one in the U.S. and 17 other countries. ▶



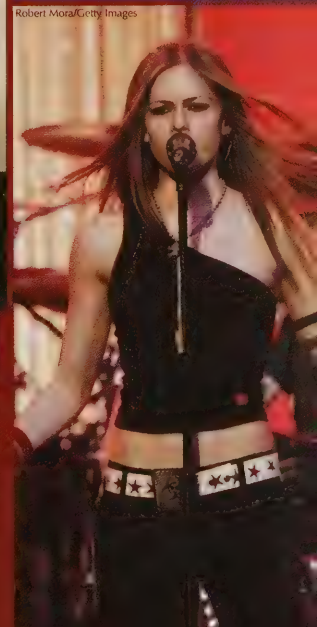
Jam Master Jay died after a man entered his recording studio and shot him during a recording session. Jay, born Jason Mizell, was 37. Mizell was a founding member of pioneering rap group Run-DMC, which he helped form with Run, Joseph Simmons, and DMC, Darryl McDaniels. ▲



▲ Vanessa Carlton, Avril Lavigne ▶ and Michelle Branch were the new kind of pop sensations this year as teens turned away from the music popularized by Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Lavigne's debut album *Let Go* was the third biggest-selling album of the year, and Lavigne was nominated for five Grammy awards.

Who was your favorite musical artist or group this school year?

1. Eminem
2. Avril Lavigne
3. Nelly







Richard Harris, classically trained actor of stage and film, died at age 72. Already an accomplished performer, he became known to a new generation of moviegoers playing the headmaster Albus Dumbledore in the first two Harry Potter films. ◀▶



Actor Christopher Reeve announced that he could move his wrist, feet and fingers seven years after he was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident. Reeve credited his improvement to years of physical therapy and never giving up. ▶



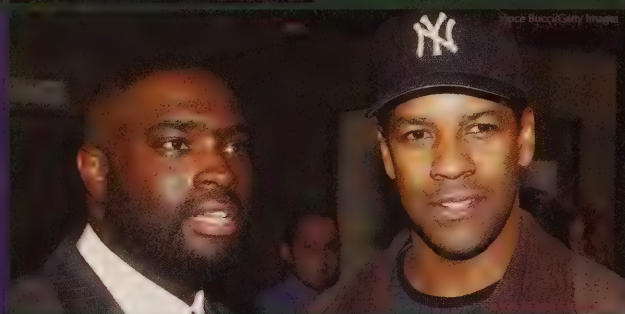
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Sen. Trent Lott made national headlines after he made comments favoring a presidential candidate who had run his campaign on a platform of segregation. Lott stepped down from serving as the Republican Party's majority leader, and Sen. Bill Frist was voted the new Senate majority leader. ▶

Who was this year's best actor?

1. Vin Diesel
2. Mel Gibson
3. Eminem



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It was a successful year for actor Denzel Washington, who made his debut as a director with *Antwone Fisher*, a film about a foster child confronting his past. Washington was also named *Entertainment Weekly's* Entertainer of the Year. ▲

A 55-year-old West Virginia man won the biggest Powerball jackpot ever. Andrew "Jack" Whittaker opted to receive all his money up front - about \$112 million after taxes. Whittaker planned to donate 10 percent of the money to pastors and to rehire employees whom he was forced to layoff earlier in the year. ▶



AP Photo/Bob Bird



Photo by Lee Celano-Park/Celano



### Great-Grandpa Turns In Badge

Milwaukee, Wis., Police Lt. Andrew Anewenter, one of the country's oldest active police officers, retired at the age of 86. The great-grandfather earned a salutation from President George W. Bush for more than six decades of decorated service in law enforcement.

Rap artist Eminem was the year's top-selling musical artist. *The Eminem Show* sold more copies than any other album, and the soundtrack to *8 Mile*, a movie that starred Eminem, came in at number five. *The Eminem Show* won a Grammy as the top Rap Album, as well as received four other nominations. He also won four American Music, two Billboard Music, and four MTV Music Video awards. ▲

### You Ate How Many?

New York Subway conductor Eric Booker gobbled down 21 baseball-sized matzo balls to set a record and win the 6th Annual Matzo Ball Eating Contest sponsored by a local deli. Booker won a \$2,500 gift certificate in the charity event, which benefits metropolitan-area soup kitchens.

### Consider That Coaster Conquered

After 104 days of riding one of the largest and fastest roller coasters ever built, Chicago University instructor Richard Rodriguez succeeded in breaking his 15th world record. During his 10-hour days aboard Germany's Expedition GeForce he read newspapers, listened to music and talked on his cell phone.

### Some Like It Hot

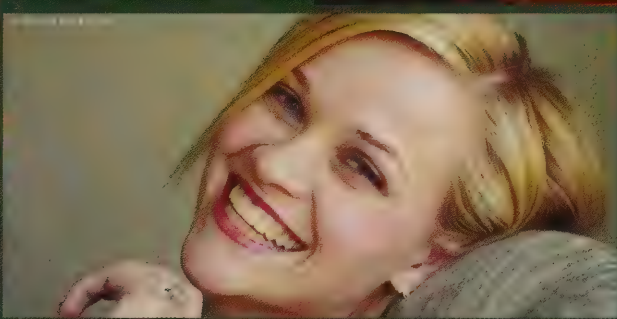
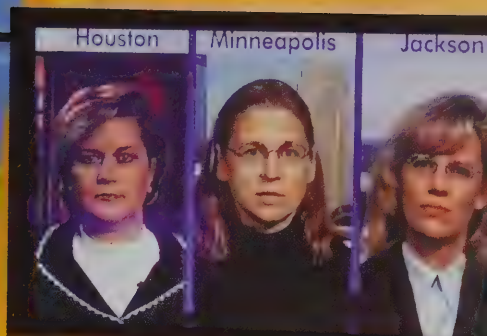
Inga Kosak bested 80 other contestants from 10 countries to win the first World Extreme Ironing Championship. Participants were judged on their ability to iron under the highest degree of difficulty possible, such as ironing while bouncing on a trampoline, while surfing and while hanging upside down from a tree.



## Who was this year's best actress?

1. Jennifer Lopez
2. Julia Roberts
3. Halle Berry

The national news media began calling Reese Witherspoon America's Sweetheart after the film *Sweet Home Alabama* broke the record for the biggest-opening for a romantic comedy. The record was previously held by *Runaway Bride*, which starred Julia Roberts. ▼



*Time* magazine named Cynthia Cooper, Coleen Rowley and Sherron Watkins its Persons of the Year. All three women chose to confront their superiors about cover-ups going on within their organizations, and their efforts were leaked to the media. Cooper let WorldCom know about its

phony bookkeeping practices. Rowley told the FBI that it had neglected to look into a potential terror suspect who was later involved in the Sept. 11 attacks, and Watkins informed Enron officials that some of the company's accounting methods were improper. ▲



# PEOPLE

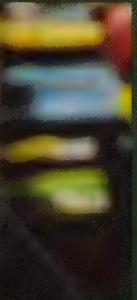
A jury found actress Winona Ryder guilty of shoplifting more than \$5,500 of clothes from a Beverly Hills' Saks Fifth Avenue store. Ryder's case received ongoing media attention for months. Ryder's sentence included performing 480 hours of community service, attending counseling and paying \$10,000 in fines and restitution. ◀



AP Photo/pool

Fred Rogers, better known as Mister Rogers of the PBS program, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, died at age 74 of stomach cancer. A cultural icon to generations of children, he viewed his shows as a way to reach young people and give them a foundation for a good life. ▶

Lance Bass of 'NSync lobbied to be the first celebrity in space and even began training at the Johnson Space Center. Plans to join a future mission to the International Space Station were derailed when his sponsors were unable to raise the \$20 million fare.



Questions arose about whether Martha Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock based on illegal inside knowledge. Stewart claimed she had no idea the stock's price was soon to fall when she sold it, but a congressional panel continued to investigate Stewart's trades. ▶

Esther Eppie Lederer, otherwise known as advice columnist Ann Landers, died at age 83. A flagship of the Chicago Tribune, the Ann Landers feature was one of the most widely syndicated newspaper columns in the world, appearing in 1,200 papers and reaching nearly 90 million readers daily.







In a single game, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers made up for nearly 34 years of being the NFL's bad joke by routing the favored Oakland Raiders, 40-21, in Super Bowl XXXVII. With the league's number one defense, a much-improved offense and riding the intensity of first-year coach Jon Gruden, the Bucs rolled through the regular season to win the NFC South. They won on the road against Philadelphia in the conference championship game to earn the franchise's first trip to the Super Bowl. In becoming World Champions, Tampa Bay buried the past and helped earn its defense a place as one of the best ever alongside the 2000 Ravens and Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" of the 1970s. ◀

Former NBA standout Magic Johnson was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Johnson, who scored more than 17,000 points in the NBA, and led the LA Lakers to five championships, first retired from basketball after he tested positive for HIV in 1991. After returning to play in a few games during the '95-'96 season, he retired again. ▼



# SPORTS



The Anaheim Angels won games six and seven of the all-California World Series, edging out the San Francisco Giants. Threats of a late-season baseball strike had fans wondering whether there would be a series, but the strike was averted with a new labor contract that included a revenue-sharing plan and a drug prevention program. ◀▶▶



Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas died of a heart attack at 69. Unitas was the first to throw for 40,000 yards, and broke nearly every NFL record for his position in his 18-year career. Unitas, who retired in 1973, still holds the record for completing at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games, a record set during the 1959-60 season. ◀

What is your favorite sport to watch?

- a. Football 39.9%
- b. Basketball 23.4%
- c. Baseball 8.4%
- d. Soccer 7.6%
- e. Wrestling 4.4%

Tennis star Serena Williams continued her extraordinary run with a win in the Australian Open, where she defeated older sister Venus in the finals. It was her fourth-straight Grand Slam victory following wins at the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. She was only the sixth woman ever to win four consecutive majors. ▶

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Baseball games around the country turned into memorial services on the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, with American flags flying at half-mast in every ballpark and the words "We Shall Not Forget" lighting up every electronic message board. At 9:11 p.m., all games were suspended for a moment of silence and a video presentation in memory of those who died in the attacks. ▶▶



## A Devoted Fan, Even In Death

Pittsburgh's Paul Wellener was a lifelong football fan and, thanks to his family, his unbridled passion for the game has followed him even in death. When Wellener, a Steelers season ticket holder for 42 years, died unexpectedly, his family found a fitting marker for his grave: two weathered seats from the Three Rivers Stadium auction.

## Let Go Of My Lego!

Somebody has quite a conversation piece — or maybe just a big pile of Legos. Thieves at the annual sports equipment Super Show in Las Vegas made off with a replica Stanley Cup trophy, which was made entirely of 6,000 Lego bricks. The replica cup was on display to promote the company's new line of Lego NHL Hockey sets.

## Ouch, That Stings!

Two competitive adult dodge ball leagues have formed in San Francisco during the past year. The first of their kind, the San Francisco Bombardment Society and the Bay Area Blood Warriors schedule matches with rules similar to the popular playground game.

## Who was this year's most noteworthy athlete?

1. Kobe Bryant
2. Alan Iverson
3. Lebron James

## That Kid's Got Guts

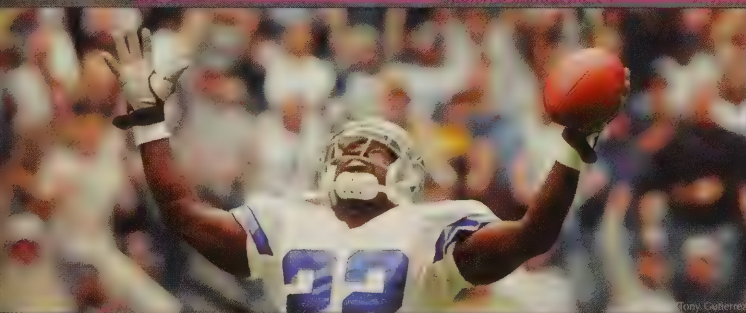
Rookie defensive end Dennis Johnson of the Arizona Cardinals revealed that he started dominating the gridiron at an early age, beginning his high school football career at age 6. As a 5-foot-7, 170-pound second-grader, Johnson came off the bench to play in several games for Harrodsburg (Ky.) High School going head-to-head with opponents three times older than him.

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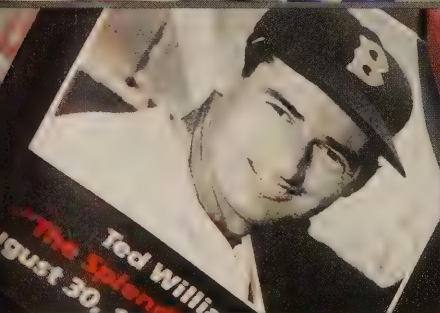
The Ohio State Buckeyes won their first college football national championship since 1968 in a double-overtime game in the Fiesta Bowl. The Buckeyes defeated the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes, 31-24, in a game that many national publications touted as the best college football game of all time. The win ended Miami's 34-game winning streak. ▶



After 13 seasons, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys holds the National Football League's all-time rushing record, surpassing the late Walter Payton's previous record of 16,726 yards. After the season ended, there was talk that Smith's salary and age would keep him from returning to the team. In February, team owner Jerry Jones released him. ▶



Tony Cohen/USA



Ted Williams, baseball's last major league player to bat over .400 in a season, died at 63 of cardiac arrest. News of his death was soon overshadowed by a legal battle between his children, who disagreed about whether his body should be cremated or cryogenically frozen. ◀

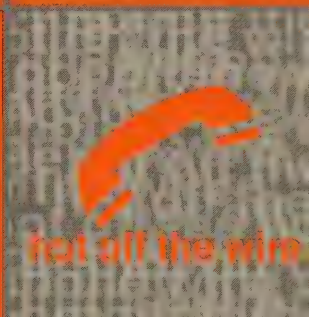
Notre Dame's first-year football coach Tyrone Willingham, the first black head coach in school history, led the Fighting Irish to a 10-2 record and a spot in the Gator Bowl. The season included an eight-game winning streak and an impressive turnaround from the previous year's 5-6 record.

Annika Sorenstam completed the most dominant season the LPGA Tour has seen in nearly four decades by winning 13 times around the world, including a major. En route to shattering her own scoring record, the 32-year-old Swede finished out of the top 10 only three times.



Although her kick was blocked, Katie Hnida became the first woman ever to play in a Division I-A football game when she attempted an extra point in the Las Vegas Bowl. Hnida's team, the New Mexico Lobos, lost the game to the UCLA Bruins, 27-13.

Augusta National Chairman Hootie Johnson started a maelstrom of controversy with his angry response to a letter requesting that the prestigious Georgia golf club, home of the Masters Tournament, admit women. Johnson stood firm in his opposition through the resulting media frenzy and criticism.





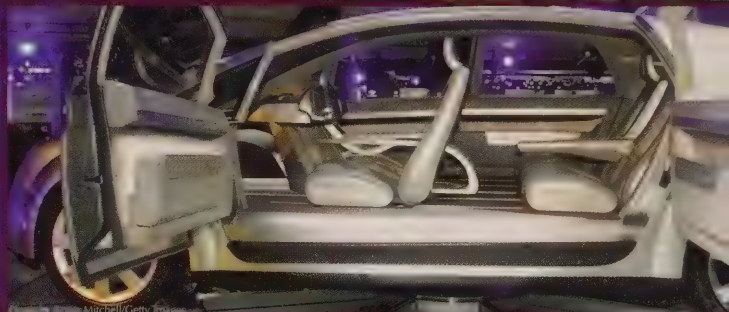
The :-D turned 20 this year. IBM researcher Scott Fahlman first typed the smiley face in an online message in 1982.

Wake up, Sleepyhead! A 16-year-old German student invented a bed with an electric motor that gradually raises the bed's mattress for five minutes after an alarm goes off. After five minutes, the sleepyhead has to get out of bed or be forced onto the floor.

Consumers began to wonder whether hybrid cars would become mainstream after General Motors Corp., the world's largest auto maker, announced it would offer hybrid cars, pickups and sport utility vehicles. Hybrids use a mixture of electricity and gas, making them more fuel-efficient.



Researchers found out that duct tape removes warts just as well as freezing them with liquid nitrogen. Just apply, wait six days, remove the tape, soak the area in water, scrape the area with a pumice stone, and apply again. Experts say the tape irritates the warts and triggers the immune system to attack them, and they say this approach does not hurt.



This year, Mississippi became the first state ever to have an online computer in each public school classroom.

Reporters writing about the new James Bond movie *Die Another Day* received self-destructing DVDs to preview the movie's scenes. A letter from the movie's fictional character Q accompanied the discs, warning that the content would only be available for 36 hours. After that, Q wrote, the disc makes a nice coaster.

Companies continued to cram gadgets into cell phones, eliminating the need for people to carry PDAs or computers along with their phones. The new generation of phones can take digital pictures, access the internet, send and receive email and instant messages, and download video games and ring tones.



# TECHNOL

New studies revealed that ribonucleic acid (RNA) is capable of taking charge of the genetic process, commanding gene activity, or even deleting entire sections of DNA. Researchers hope that RNA will play a vital role in the war against cancer and other diseases.

A worm called Sapphire was unleashed on tens of thousands of internet servers, resulting in the shutdown of computer systems, a blackout of automatic teller machines and a bog down of web traffic. The author of the worm, if caught and convicted, could face harsh punishment under new U.S. anti-terror legislation.

The Kroger Company, the country's largest grocery chain, tested finger imaging at three of its Texas stores as a new way for customers to pay for their groceries. When customers signed up for the program, their credit or debit card information was linked to their fingerprint, so they no longer needed to take their wallets to the store. The Penn Cambria district in Pennsylvania allows its students to pay for their lunches in the same manner. It is one of about 35 districts trying the biometric program. Other schools across the nation used the system in their libraries.



A fossil unearthed in Africa was dated at between 6 and 7 million years old, pushing the date of the earliest known human ancestor back more than 3 million years. The nearly complete skull, nicknamed Toumai, had some apelike features, but the shape of its teeth and lower face suggested human ancestry.







Photo by Keith Turner/Reuters

Environmentally friendly cars powered by hydrogen made their debut in Los Angeles when the city's mayor signed a lease for city employees to try five of the cars. Automakers said this was an important first step, but the cars probably will not be sold to the general public for another 10 years. ◀

## So That's How It Works

The dynamics of the stadium wave were calculated and published in a scientific journal by a University of Hungary professor. Tamas Vicsek used mathematical models written to study the spread of forest fires and applied them to the wave. His analysis shows it only takes a few dozen fans to trigger a wave. It will move clockwise at a rate of 20 seats per second and is usually about 15 seats wide.

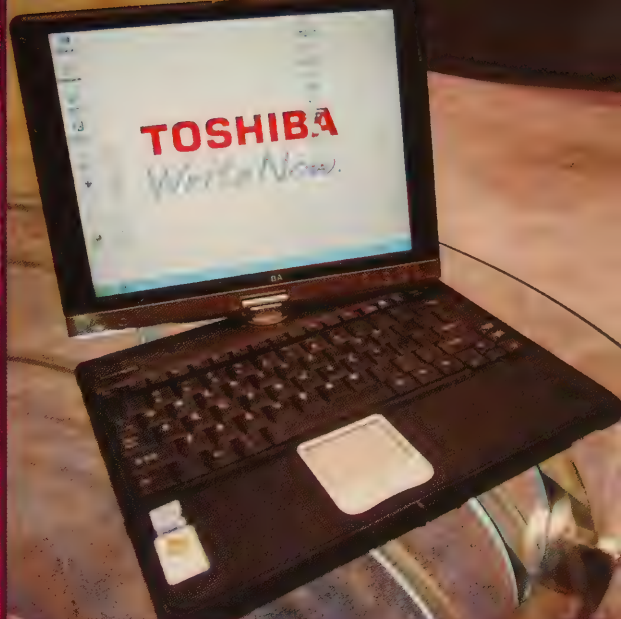


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## Coloring The Cosmos

Astronomers Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry finally got that nagging "What color is the universe?" question answered. The color is Cosmic Latte. The color-naming contest evolved from the scientists' speculation of what color the universe would be if all its light were taken together. Their initial findings said light green before they finally settled on beige.

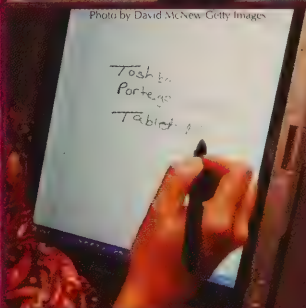
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## Just What The Vet Prescribed

Kyoto University researchers discovered some primates, specifically certain varieties of lemurs, eat plants containing poisonous tannins prior to giving birth. Tannins in small doses naturally increase milk production and veterinarians use them to prevent failed pregnancies. Scientists say this makes the lemur the first known animal to self-medicate when pregnant.

## No Prey? Then You May Pass

Computer programmer Boris Tsikanovsky developed software to stop his cat, Squirrel, from dragging prey into the house. Squirrel, whose special collar allows her to exit and enter through a magnetized door, often hides dead mice and birds in the furniture. So, he developed imaging software linked to a camera by the door that will not allow Squirrel to enter if her profile shows something in her mouth.



Tablet PCs hit store shelves this year. These new laptops allow users to handwrite their messages directly on the screen instead of typing them, making them a popular choice for taking notes in classes and meetings. The average price: about \$2,200. ◀▲

# OGY



AP Photo/Steve Delaney

A Northern California town sold on eBay for almost \$1.8 million. The owners of Bridgeville, Calif. decided to auction the town on eBay after their conventional attempts to sell the town failed. The town includes a post office, a cemetery and more than a dozen houses and cabins. ◀

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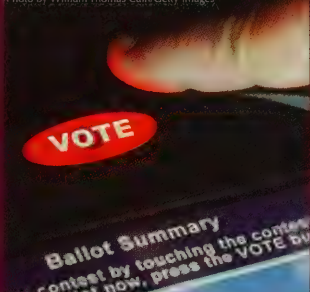
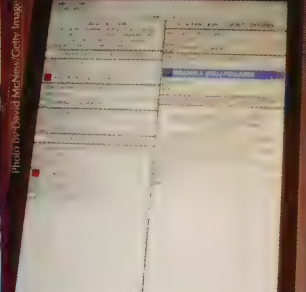


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Almost one fifth of U.S. counties used electronic voting machines in November, the highest percentage to date. The change was prompted by lawmakers' concern about Florida's ballot controversy in the 2000 presidential election. ◀▲▲

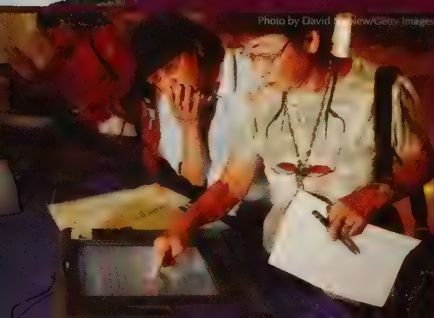
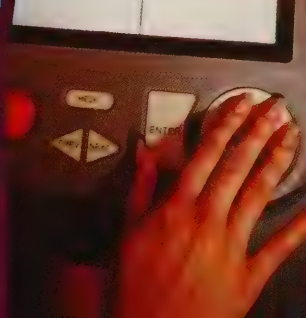


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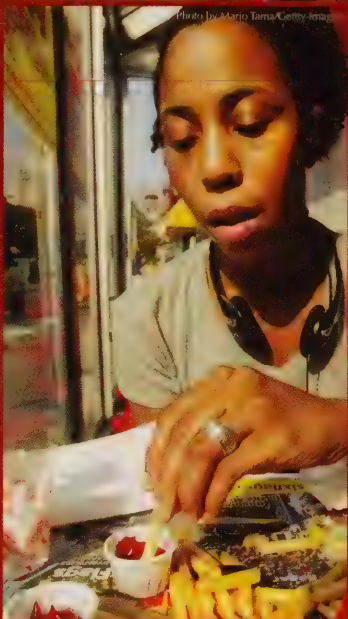
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Tom Christerson celebrated the one-year anniversary of his artificial heart transplant in September. He died six months later. Christerson, 71, was the longest-living AbioCor recipient so far. The AbioCor heart, a softball-sized pump made of plastic and titanium, runs on batteries and fits within a patient's chest. ▶



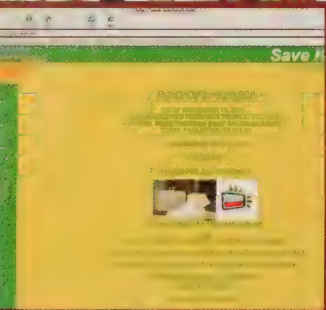


Bratz dolls outsold Barbie as America's best-selling fashion doll for six months in a row. In response, Mattel created My Scene Barbie, a newer doll who wears platform shoes, low-rise jeans, more makeup, and midriff-baring shirts.



The Institute of Medicine changed its recommendations for Americans' diets and exercise regimes. Under the new guidelines, everyone should participate in at least one hour of physical activity each day and should eat a recommended percentage of carbohydrates, fats and proteins. McDonald's cut the amount of bacon fat in its fries, Chicken McNuggets and other products after a New York man sued McDonald's and three other major fast-food chains for allegedly making him fat.

A few weeks later, a lawyer sued McDonald's on behalf of obese children. The suits were later thrown out by a federal judge who said the law is not in place to protect people from their own excesses. The cases argued that the fast-food chains never gave a clear warning about the foods' danger.



People desperate for money turned to the internet to cyberbeg. One woman was able to pay off her \$20,000 credit card debt in just five months with the contributions she received from people who read her website and sent money.

# TRENDS



Several stars crossed over from one entertainment genre to another, the most common of which involved musicians making movies. Actress/pop star Jennifer Lopez was one example. She starred in two movies this year, released a top-selling CD, opened a restaurant and even launched a perfume. Other stars crossing over included Eminem and Kid Rock making their film debuts.

Hewlett Packard introduced a personal computer that works like a TV. The computer comes with a remote control and a TV tuner, and users can play and record TV shows and digital music.

The coolest trend at my school this year was

My favorite fashion trend was











